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# Introduction

## The purpose of the book

*How English Works* is for learners of English who want to speak and write more correctly. It contains:

- short clear explanations of the rules of English grammar
- examples of correct use
- exercises.

## How to use the book

If you are studying with a teacher, he or she will help you to use the book effectively. If you are studying at home, the following suggestions may be useful:

- Don't go through the whole book from beginning to end. *How English Works* contains explanations of basic rules (e.g. how to make questions), intermediate points (e.g. the use of passives) and more advanced problems (e.g. difficult structures with *who*, *whom* and *which*). Different learners will need to study different parts of the book.
- Start by trying the tests on pages 4–9. These will help you to decide what you need to learn – what are the most important problems in English grammar *for you*.
- Use the list of sections (at the beginning) and the Index (at the end) to help you find the sections that you want. Read the explanations and do the exercises. If you still have problems with a point, work through the section again.
- You will sometimes need to know some of the words that we use when we talk about grammar in English (e.g. *verb*, *preposition*, *tense*, *plural*, *countable*). These words are explained on pages 298–302.

## The explanations

We have tried to make these as clear and simple as possible. You can find more complete explanations of some points in Michael Swan's book *Practical English Usage* (Oxford University Press).

Sometimes we ask you to try to work out a rule for yourself. When you have tried these 'Do It Yourself' activities, you can look at the blue pages (303–305) at the back of the book to see if you were right.

**The exercises**

Most of the exercises are simple in structure. More difficult exercises are marked with the sign ▲

A few exercises are designed for group work in class.

**What kind of English does the book teach?**

We teach the grammar of everyday spoken and written British English. We have used the British National Corpus – a collection of 100 million words of modern spoken and written English – to help us make sure that our rules and examples give a true picture of the present-day language.

For information about differences between British and American English, see *Practical English Usage*.

**How important is grammar?**

Grammar is not the most important thing in the world, but if you make a lot of mistakes you may be more difficult to understand, and some kinds of people may look down on you or not take you seriously. Hardly anybody speaks or writes a foreign language perfectly, but you will communicate more successfully if you can make your English reasonably correct. We hope this book will help.



# Test yourself

These tests will help you to decide what you need to learn. First of all, try the 'basic points' test on pages 4–5 and check your answers on page 11. If you have problems with any of the points, go to the sections where these are explained and do the exercises: then try the test again. The tests on pages 6–9 are suitable for intermediate and advanced students, and can be done in the same way.

# Test yourself: basic points

Here are some of the basic grammar points from *How English Works*. Do you know them all? Check your answers on page 11.

Choose the correct answer(s). One or more answers may be correct.

- 1 She's ... university teacher.  
A a      B an      C the      D one
- 2 I like ... small animals.  
A the      B — (= nothing)      C every      D all
- 3 Is this coat ... ?  
A yours      B your      C the yours
- 4 Is Diana ... ?  
A a friend of yours      B a your friend      C your friend
- 5 Who are ... people over there?  
A that      B the      C these      D those
- 6 ... is your phone number?  
A Which      B What      C How
- 7 Could I have ... drink?  
A other      B an other      C another
- 8 There aren't ... for everybody.  
A chairs enough      B enough chairs      C enough of chairs
- 9 They're ... young to get married.  
A too much      B too      C very too
- 10 Most ... like travelling.  
A of people      B of the people      C people
- 11 Ann and Peter phone ... every day.  
A them      B himself      C themselves      D each other
- 12 It's ... weather.  
A terrible      B a terrible      C the terrible
- 13 The plural of car is cars. Which of these are correct plurals?  
A journeys      B ladys      C minuts      D sandwiches      E babies
- 14 Which of these is/are correct?  
A happier      B more happier      C unhappier      D beautifuller
- 15 This is ... winter for 20 years.  
A the more bad      B worse      C the worse      D worst  
E the worst

- 16 She's much taller ... me.  
A than    B as    C that
- 17 He lives in the same street ... me.  
A that    B like    C as    D than
- 18 Her eyes ... a very light blue.  
A are    B have    C has
- 19 ... help me?  
A Can you to    B Do you can    C Can you
- 20 You ... worry about it.  
A not must    B don't must    C must not    D mustn't
- 21 It ... again. It ... all the time here in the winter.  
A 's raining, 's raining    B rains, rains  
C rains, 's raining    D 's raining, rains
- 22 I ... she ... you.  
A think, likes    B am thinking, is liking  
C think, is liking    D am thinking, likes
- 23 Who ... the window?  
A open    B opened    C did opened
- 24 Why ... ?  
A those men are laughing  
B are laughing those men  
C are those men laughing
- 25 What ... ?  
A does she want    B does she wants    C she wants
- 26 I didn't ... he was at home.  
A to think    B think    C thinking    D thought
- 27 ... a hole in my sock.  
A There's    B There is    C It's    D It is    E Is
- 28 I'll see you ... Tuesday afternoon.  
A at    B on    C in
- 29 What time did you arrive ... the station?  
A at    B to    C —
- 30 We're going ... the opera tomorrow night.  
A at    B —    C in    D to

## Test yourself: intermediate points

Here are some of the intermediate grammar points from *How English Works*. Do you know them all? Check your answers on page 11.

Choose the correct answer(s). One or more answers may be correct.

- 31 I went out without ... money.  
A some      B any
- 32 He's got ... money.  
A much      B many      C a lot of      D lots of
- 33 'Who's there?' '...'  
A It's me      B It is I      C Me      D I
- 34 Although he felt very ..., he smiled ...  
A angrily, friendly      B angry, friendly      C angry, in a friendly way
- 35 I ... to America.  
A have often been      B often have been      C have been often
- 36 My mother ... my birthday.  
A always forgets      B always is forgetting      C forgets always
- 37 You look ... a teacher.  
A like      B as      C the same like
- 38 How many brothers and sisters ... ?  
A have you got      B do you have      C are you having
- 39 Good! I ... work tomorrow.  
A mustn't      B don't have to      C haven't got to
- 40 I ... smoke.  
A — (= nothing)      B use to      C used to
- 41 Andrew ... to see us this evening.  
A will come      B comes      C is coming
- 42 Alice ... have a baby.  
A will      B shall      C is going to
- 43 I knew that he ... waiting for somebody.  
A is      B was      C would
- 44 ... Gloria last week?  
A Have you seen      B Did you see      C Were you seeing
- 45 She's an old friend — I ... her ... years.  
A 've known, for      B know, for      C 've known, since  
D know, since

- 46 We met when we ... in France.  
A studied    B were studying    C had studied
- 47 As soon as she came in I knew I ... her before.  
A have seen    B saw    C had seen
- 48 This picture ... by a friend of my mother's.  
A is painting    B is painted    C was painting    D was painted
- 49 Can you ... ?  
A make me some tea    B make some tea for me  
C make for me some tea
- 50 Try ... be late.  
A not to    B to not
- 51 I went to London ... clothes.  
A for buy    B for to buy    C for buying    D to buy
- 52 You can't live very long without ... .  
A to eat    B eat    C eating    D you eat
- 53 I enjoy ... , but I wouldn't like ... it all my life.  
A to teach, to do    B teaching, doing    C to teach, doing  
D teaching, to do
- 54 Her parents don't want ... married.  
A her to get    B her get    C that she get    D that she gets
- 55 I'm not sure what ...  
A do they want?    B do they want.    C they want.
- 56 The policeman ... me not to park there.  
A asked    B said    C told    D advised
- 57 I ... you if you ... that again.  
A hit, say    B 'll hit, 'll say    C hit, 'll say    D 'll hit, say
- 58 It would be nice if we ... a bit more room.  
A would have    B had    C have
- 59 If you ... me, I ... in real trouble last year.  
A didn't help, would have been  
B hadn't helped, would have been  
C hadn't helped, would be  
D didn't help, would be
- 60 There's the man ... took your coat.  
A which    B who    C that    D —

# Test yourself: advanced points

Here are some of the more advanced grammar points from *How English Works*. Do you know them all? Check your answers on page 11.

*Choose the correct answer(s). One or more answers may be correct.*

- 61 My family ... thinking of moving to Birmingham.  
A is      B are
- 62 We watched a ... on TV last night.  
A war film      B war's film      C film of war
- 63 He was wearing ... riding boots.  
A red old Spanish leather      B old leather red Spanish  
C old red Spanish leather      D Spanish red old leather
- 64 ... he gets, ...  
A The richer, the more friends he has  
B Richer, more he has friends  
C Richer, more friends he has  
D The richer, the more he has friends
- 65 It's ... if you take the train.  
A quicker      B the quicker      C quickest      D the quickest
- 66 He ... very annoying.  
A 's      B 's being
- 67 That ... be Roger at the door – it's too early.  
A can't      B mustn't      C couldn't
- 68 At last, after three days, they ... get to the top of the mountain.  
A could      B managed to      C succeeded to      D were able to
- 69 It was crazy to drive like that. You ... killed somebody.  
A may have      B might have      C could have      D can have
- 70 I wonder if John ... this evening.  
A will phone      B phones
- 71 Who ... you that ring?  
A 's given      B gave
- 72 He ... quite different since he ... married.  
A is, has got      B has been, has got      C is, got      D has been, got
- 73 This is the first time I ... a sports car.  
A 've driven      B 'm driving      C drive
- 74 On her birthday ...  
A she was given a new car      B a new car was given to her
- 75 We can't use the sports hall yet because it ...  
A is still built      B is still building      C is still being built

- 76 I look forward ... you soon.  
A seeing    B to seeing    C to see
- 77 If you have trouble going to sleep, try ... a glass of milk before bedtime.  
A drinking    B to drink    C drink
- 78 This is my friend Joe. I ... met, have you?  
A don't think you've    B think you haven't
- 79 How ... !  
A he works hard    B hard he works
- 80 Which of these sentences are correct in spoken English?  
A Car's running badly.    B Seen Peter?  
C Can't come in here, sorry.    D Careful what you say.  
E Lost my glasses.    F Have heard of her.
- 81 Nobody phoned, did ... ?  
A he    B she    C they    D it    E he or she    F anybody
- 82 If you were ever in trouble, I would give you all the help you ... .  
A will need    B would need    C need    D needed
- 83 My wife will be upset ... .  
A if I don't get back tomorrow    B unless I get back tomorrow
- 84 Tell me at once ... Margaret arrives.  
A if    B when    C in case
- 85 It's time you ... home, but I'd rather you ... here.  
A go, stay    B went, stayed    C go, stayed    D went, stay
- 86 I wish I ... more time.  
A had    B have    C would have    D will have
- 87 John Hastings, ... , has just come to live in our street.  
A that I was at school with    B I was at school with  
C with who I was at school    D with whom I was at school
- 88 She keeps tapping her fingers, ... gets on my nerves.  
A which    B what    C that which
- 89 Can you finish the job ... Friday?  
A till    B until    C by    D for
- 90 There's a supermarket ... our house.  
A in front of    B opposite    C facing

# Test yourself: answers

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# Phonetic alphabet

It is necessary to use a special alphabet to show the pronunciation of English words, because the ordinary English alphabet does not have enough letters to represent all the sounds of the language. The following list contains all the letters of the phonetic alphabet used in this book, with examples of the words in which the sounds that they refer to are found.

## Vowels and diphthongs (double vowels)

i:	seat /si:t/, feel /fi:l/	eɪ	take /teɪk/, wait /weɪt/
ɪ	sit /sɪt/, in /ɪn/	aɪ	mine /maɪn/, light /laɪt/
e	set /set/, any /'eni:/	ɔɪ	oil /ɔɪl/, boy /bɔɪ/
æ	sat /sæt/, match /mætʃ/	əʊ	no /nəʊ/, open /'əʊpən/
ɑ:	march /mɑ:tʃ/, after /'ɑ:ftə(r)/	aʊ	house /haʊs/, now /naʊ/
ɒ	pot /pɒt/, gone /ɡɒn/	ɪə	hear /hɪə(r)/, deer /dɪə(r)/
ɔ:	port /pɔ:t/, law /lɔ:/	eə	air /eə(r)/, where /weə(r)/
ʊ	good /ɡʊd/, could /kʊd/	ʊə	tour /tʊə(r)/, endure /ɪn'dʒʊə(r)/
u:	food /fu:d/, group /ɡrʊ:p/		
ʌ	much /mʌtʃ/, front /frʌnt/		
ɜ:	turn /tɜ:n/, word /wɜ:d/		
ə	away /ə'weɪ/, collect /kə'lekt/, until /ən'tɪl/		

## Consonants

p	pull /pʊl/, cup /kʌp/	tʃ	cheap /tʃi:p/, catch /kætʃ/
b	bull /bʊl/, rob /rɒb/	dʒ	jail /dʒeɪl/, bridge /brɪdʒ/
f	ferry /'feri:/, life /laɪf/	k	case /keɪs/, take /teɪk/
v	very /'veri:/, live /lɪv/	g	go /ɡəʊ/, rug /rʌɡ/
θ	think /θɪŋk/, bath /bɑ:θ/	m	my /maɪ/, come /kʌm/
ð	then /ðen/, with /wɪð/	n	no /nəʊ/, on /ɒn/
t	take /teɪk/, set /set/	ŋ	sing /sɪŋ/, finger /'fɪŋɡə(r)/
d	day /deɪ/, red /red/	l	love /lʌv/, hole /həʊl/
s	sing /sɪŋ/, rice /raɪs/	r	round /raʊnd/, carry /'kæri:/
z	zoo /zu:/, days /deɪz/	w	well /wel/
ʃ	show /ʃəʊ/, wish /wɪʃ/	j	young /jʌŋ/
ʒ	pleasure /'pleʒə(r)/, occasion /ə'keɪʒn/	h	house /haʊs/

The sign (') shows stress.

# a and an

We use **a** before a consonant and **an** before a vowel.

But it depends on the pronunciation of the following word, not the spelling.

a dog    a hat    a one-pound coin (/ə wʌn .../)    a union (/ə 'juːnɪən/)  
an orange    an uncle    an hour (/ən aʊə/)    an MP (/ən ɛm 'piː/)

## 1 A or an?

- |                   |                         |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 ____ elephant   | 7 ____ half-hour lesson | 13 ____ hand      |
| 2 ____ university | 8 ____ one-hour lesson  | 14 ____ underpass |
| 3 ____ umbrella   | 9 ____ useful book      | 15 ____ unit      |
| 4 ____ ticket     | 10 ____ SOS             | 16 ____ CD        |
| 5 ____ VIP        | 11 ____ X-ray           | 17 ____ exam      |
| 6 ____ honest man | 12 ____ European        | 18 ____ school    |

# a/an and one

We use **one**, not **a/an**:

- in contrast with **another** or **other(s)**
- in the expression **one day**
- with **hundred** and **thousand** when we want to sound **precise** (see page 294)
- in expressions like **only one** and **just one**.

**One girl** wanted to go out, but **the others** wanted to stay at home.

**One day** I'll take you to meet my family.

'How many are there? About a hundred?' 'Exactly **one** hundred and three.'

We've got plenty of sausages, but **only one** egg.

## 1 A or one?

1 \_\_\_\_ day last year – it was 2 \_\_\_\_ very hot afternoon in June – I was hurrying to get home. I was about 3 \_\_\_\_ hour late – well, to be precise, exactly 4 \_\_\_\_ hour and ten minutes: I had taken the train that arrived at the station at 6.15. Anyway, there was 5 \_\_\_\_ woman standing under the trees, and there were several children with her. I saw 6 \_\_\_\_ child clearly – she was 7 \_\_\_\_ lovely dark-haired girl – but I only heard the others. Suddenly 8 \_\_\_\_ strange thing happened. The girl took some stones and leaves out of her pocket, and threw 9 \_\_\_\_ stone after another into the air.

## a/an: main uses

We use **a/an** to say what kind of thing somebody or something is, what job a person does, or what something is used as. **A/an** has no plural.

*She's **a** farmer.*

*He worked as **a** taxi-driver.*

*Don't use the plate as **an** ashtray.*

*They're farmers.*

*They worked as taxi-drivers.*

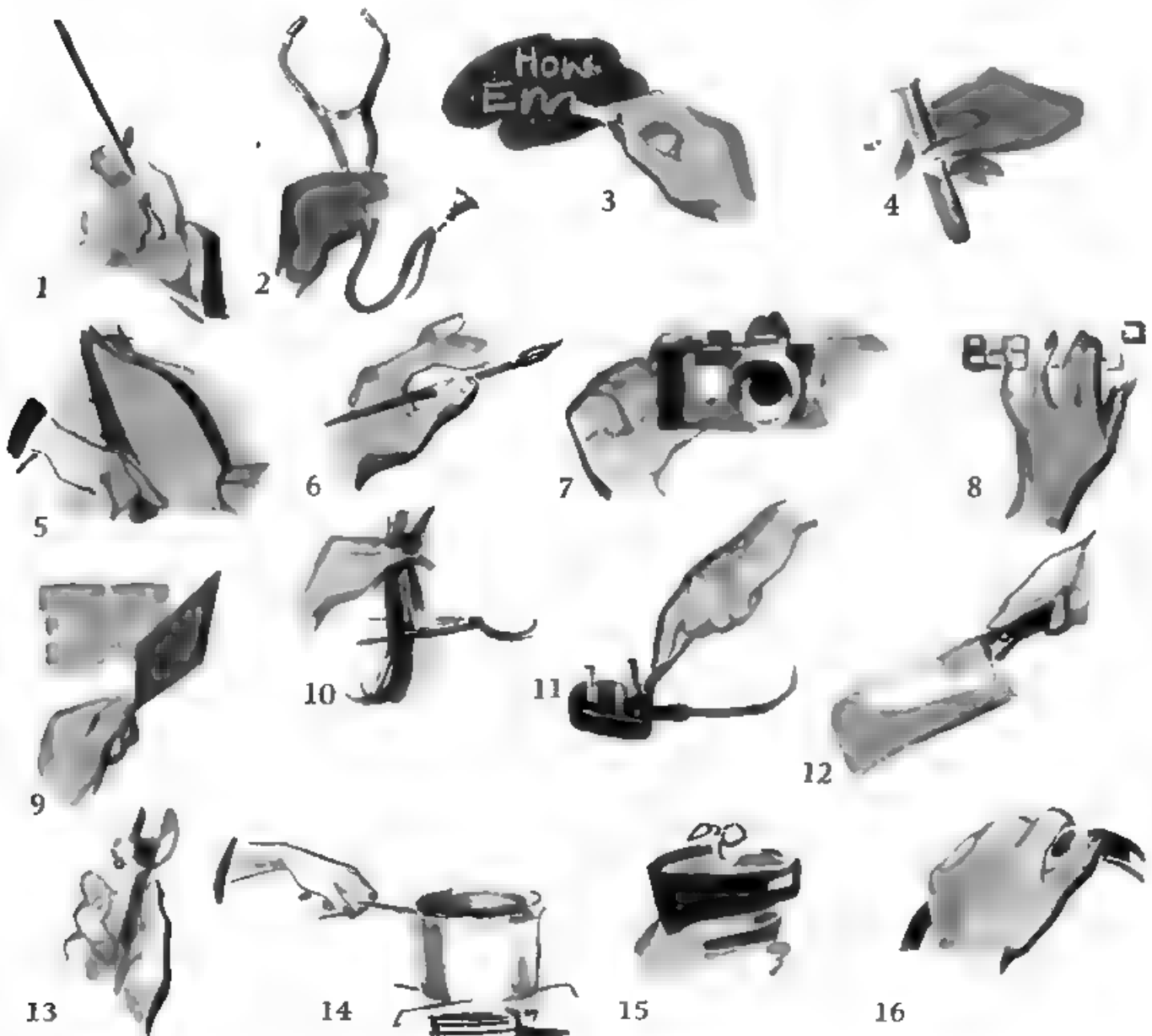
*Don't use the plates as ashtrays.*

### 1 Say what these people's jobs are, using the words in the box.

**Example:**

*Vis a conductor.*

builder	butcher	conductor	cook	doctor	electrician
gardener	hairstylist	lorry driver	mechanic	musician	
painter	photographer	scientist	secretary	teacher	



**A/an** can mean 'any example of something'.

In the plural, we use **no article** or **some** (see page 34 for the difference).

**A spider** has eight legs.

**A CD** costs more than **a cassette**.

I'd like **a cup of coffee**.

**Spiders** have eight legs.

**CDs** cost more than **cassettes**.

I'd like **some chips**.

**2 Say what these people and things are. Then make some similar sentences of your own. Examples:**

*A doctor is a person who helps people who are ill*

*A pen is a thing used for writing.*

curtain	person	that water comes out of
dictionary	thing	who helps people to learn things
dentist		who services and repairs cars
lawyer		used for finding the meanings of words
mechanic		who helps people to keep their teeth healthy
tap		that you put across a window
teacher		who helps people with legal problems
telephone		used for talking to people who are far away

**A/an** can mean 'a particular one', if you don't say exactly who or which.

In the plural, we use **some** or **no article**.

**A man** called while you were out.

James married **a doctor**.

**Some men** called.

They both married **doctors**.

**3 Complete these sentences in any way you like.**

- 1 There's a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in my pocket/handbag.
- 2 In my town, there's a big \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 If you see a/an \_\_\_\_\_ you'll have good/bad luck.
- 4 I recently bought a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I've got a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.

**We don't** use **a/an** with **uncountable** nouns. (NOT ~~a~~ rain)

**We don't** use **a/an** with **possessives**. (NOT ~~a~~ my friend)

After **kind of** or **sort of**, **a/an** is usually **dropped**. a kind of tree (NOT ~~a~~ kind of a tree)

In **exclamations** with **what**, **a/an** is **not** dropped. What a pity! (NOT ~~What~~ pity!)

**A/an** usually comes **after** **quite**, **rather** and **such**. quite/rather/such a nice day

## a/an in descriptions

**Descriptions:** He's got **a** long nose. (NOT ... ~~the~~ long nose.)  
 She's got **an** interesting face. (NOT ... ~~the~~ interesting face.)

- 1** Make sentences like those above to describe the people in the pictures, using some of the words from the box.

long/small nose	long neck	round/square/oval face
big/small mouth	big/small moustache	long/short beard
nice smile/laugh	quiet/loud voice	bad temper
good sense of humour		



- 2** Describe people you know, using **a/an** + singular as much as possible. If you can work with a partner, describe another person without giving their name. Your partner must try to guess who it is.

Note that **hair** is singular, and has **no article**.

She's got **dark hair**. (NOT ... ~~a~~ dark hair OR ... ~~dark hairs~~.)



# the = 'you know which one(s)'

**The** means 'you know which (one/ones) I mean'.

*I bought a radio and a CD player, but **the CD player** didn't work.*

(= the CD player I just told you about – you know which one.)

***The women** over there work with my sister.*

(= the women I'm pointing out to you – you know which ones.)

*Please close **the door**.* (You can see which one.)

*He's been to **the North Pole**.* (It's obvious which – there's only one.)

We often use **the** with **only** and with **superlatives**.

*She's **the only** woman for me.*

*It's **the best** restaurant in town.*

- 1 Put in *the* if the speaker and hearer probably know exactly which (one/ones). Put in *a/an* or – (= no article) if not.**

- 1 Who opened \_\_\_\_ window?
- 2 She lives in \_\_\_\_ centre of Glasgow.
- 3 I'd like \_\_\_\_ glass of water.
- 4 My sister is married to \_\_\_\_ farmer.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ man in \_\_\_\_ next flat is French.
- 6 He's \_\_\_\_ oldest child in \_\_\_\_ school.
- 7 Who's \_\_\_\_ girl by \_\_\_\_ piano?
- 8 They've got \_\_\_\_ boy and \_\_\_\_ girl.  
\_\_\_\_ boy's two years older than \_\_\_\_ girl.
- 9 Today is \_\_\_\_ only day that I'm free.
- 10 'Which coat is yours?' ' \_\_\_\_ red one.'

- 2 Put in *the*, *a/an* or – (= no article).**

'Do you see 1 man standing near 2 door? He works as 3 assistant in 4 same shop as I do. Well, I saw him the other day and he was driving 5 big red Porsche. And do you see 6 expensive clothes he's wearing? Where does he get 7 money to pay for it all? 8 month ago he hadn't got 9 penny. I told you about 10 burglary that we had at 11 shop, didn't I? Do you think I should go to 12 police?'

- ▲ 3 Work with another student if you can. If you say the following expressions, will he/she know which one(s) you probably mean? If not, add some words so that he/she will know which one(s). Examples:**

the teacher (OK)      the window → *the window on the right*

the teacher	the window	the light	the lights
the ceiling	the door	the light switch	the school
the lesson	the dictionary	the place	the car      the bus
the house	the post office	the station	the President
the government	the restaurant		

## generalisations without the

**The** does not mean 'all'.

We **do not use the** in generalisations with plural and uncountable nouns. Compare:

I like **music**. (NOT ... ~~the music~~.)

She's very interested in **nature**.

People have to live in **society**.

**Books** are expensive.

Can you turn off **the music**?

What is **the nature** of his illness?

I've joined **the Poetry Society**.

Put **the books** on the table.

### 1 Put **the** or ~ (= no article) in each blank.

There must be something wrong with me. 1 people usually think that 2 babies are sweet and 3 teenagers are annoying. Not me. I think 4 babies are boring. For me, 5 children are only interesting from about 6 age of two, when you can understand 7 things that they say. But 8 time between ages thirteen and twenty are 9 years that I like best. Oh, it's difficult at times, but I still prefer talking about 10 money with a teenager to cleaning a baby's bottom.

We **do not** normally use **the** in generalisations with plural and uncountable nouns, even if there is an **adjective** before **the noun**.

She's studying **Chinese history**.

He collects **antique clocks**.

But we use **the** when a description with **of** follows the noun.

She's studying **the history of China**.

### 2 Use some adjectives from the box, or other adjectives, to write true (or false!) sentences about yourself. Don't use **the**. If you are in a group, pass the sentences round; see if everyone can guess who wrote what.

casual	classical	detective	foggy	formal	historical
Italian	really hot	pop	romantic	spicy	stormy

- I like eating \_\_\_\_ food.
- I can't stand listening to \_\_\_\_ music.
- I (don't) like reading \_\_\_\_ novels.
- I hate \_\_\_\_ weather.
- I love \_\_\_\_ weather.
- I like wearing \_\_\_\_ clothes.

We can use **the** in generalisations with **singular countable nouns**, to talk about a whole class of things. This is common in scientific and technical language.

*Who invented **the telescope**?*

***The tiger** is in danger of dying out.*

*I can't play **the piano**.*

*I hate **the telephone**.*

Note also:

*I love **the sea**.      Do you like living in **the country**?*

*I never go to **the cinema** or **the theatre**.*

### 3 Complete the sentences with some of the expressions from the box.

the aeroplane	the ballpoint pen	the Bible	the camera	the computer
the dog	the fax machine	the novel	the personal stereo	the typewriter
the violin	the whale	the wheel	the X-ray machine	

- 1 Before people invented \_\_\_\_\_, they couldn't transport heavy loads easily.
- 2 In its early years, \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't thought to be good reading for young ladies.
- 3 Scientific calculations were much slower before the invention of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the hardest instruments to play.
- 5 What did people write with before \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ is a much faster way of sending letters than the post.
- 7 What can we do to save \_\_\_\_\_ from dying out?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ is a valuable tool for doctors, but it has its dangers as well.

**Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are *The Grapes That Hang* people have lent me.**  
*Anatole France*

**Without music, life would be a mistake.**  
*Nietzsche*

**I would give anything to hear and to love music, but do the best I can, it is just noise and nothing more.**  
*Catherine the Great of Russia*

**I don't know anything about music – in my line you don't have to.**  
*Elvis Presley*

**Classical music is the kind we keep thinking will turn into a tune.**  
*Kin Hubbard*

**Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a little music out of doors, played by somebody I do not know.**  
*John Keats*

**This, books can do – nor this alone: they give New views to life, and teach us how to live.**  
*George Crabbe*

**I quite admit that modern novels have many good points. All that I insist on is that, as a class, they are quite unreadable.**  
*Oscar Wilde*

**Nature is usually wrong.**  
*The painter James McNeill Whistler*

## the and no article: special cases

Some common expressions with **no article** after a **preposition**:

to/at/from school, university, college, church, work      at/from home  
to / in(to) / out of hospital, prison, bed      to/in(to)/from town      on holiday  
by car/bus/plane etc (BUT **on** foot)      to/at/after breakfast, lunch etc  
at night (BUT **in the** morning/afternoon/evening)      on Monday etc  
in spring, summer etc (OR **in the** spring etc)      at Easter, Christmas etc

Compare:

*She's **in prison**.* (= She's a prisoner.)

*She works as a cook **in the prison**.*

*You should be **in bed**.* (= resting)

*I found chewing gum **in the bed** again.*

### 1 Choose a word or expression for each blank, and add a preposition.

bed	bus	car	Christmas	Easter	the evening	foot	home
hospital	night	school	summer	town	university	work	

- 'How do you usually get \_\_\_\_ to do your shopping?' 'Oh, I usually go there \_\_\_\_, but sometimes if I have a lot to carry I go \_\_\_\_.'
- After a hard day \_\_\_\_ my mother used to come home and go \_\_\_\_ to rest for half an hour before making supper.
- Children go \_\_\_\_ to learn to read and write.
- Does your family usually go away \_\_\_\_ or do you stay \_\_\_\_?
- Don't drink coffee \_\_\_\_ if you have trouble sleeping \_\_\_\_.
- When Juliet was studying \_\_\_\_, she broke her leg and had to stay \_\_\_\_ for two weeks.

### 2 Which version of the cartoon caption do you think is correct?



'He's from Texas / the Texas.'

**Place names with no article:**

continents, most countries

states, counties etc

towns

most streets

lakes, most mountains

town + buildings

*Africa, Germany, Peru (BUT The Netherlands)**Texas, Oxfordshire, Normandy**Ottawa, Prague, Sydney (BUT The Hague)**Fifth Avenue, Oxford Street**Lake Superior, Everest, Mont Blanc**Oxford University, York Airport, Reading Station***Place names with the:**

name includes common noun

seas, rivers, deserts

mountain and island groups

most geographical regions

hotels, cinemas, theatres

*the Czech Republic, the United States**the Atlantic, the Thames, the Sahara Desert**the Alps, the Himalayas, the West Indies**the Far East, the Ruhr, the Midwest**the Ritz, the Playhouse***▲ 3 Make sentences using words and expressions from the box.****Example:**

*A 1/10/16: Anna goes to work on foot OR Anna often goes to work on foot if the weather's fine. OR Everybody in the office except Anna comes to work on foot.*

**B 3/9/25/31    C 2/11/14    D 1/7/29/18    E 5/30/33**

**F 6/25/34/16    G 1/24/28/33    H 5/25/32/16    I 1/26/23**

**J 4/2/9/26    K 3/11/29    L 13/21/22    M 5/20**

**N 4/11/10/17    O 6/28/30/13    P 3/8/27**

1 Anna	7 to college	13 by train	19 the Pacific	25 Oxford	31 Prison
2 Paul	8 in prison	14 by car	20 Everest	26 Stirling	32 Town
3 the King	9 at dinner	15 by plane	21 the Alps	27 Cardiff	Hall
4 I	10 to work	16 on foot	22 the North Sea	28 Ottawa	33 Airport
5 all of us	11 home	17 by bike	23 Lake Huron	29 Sydney	34 Station
6 it's easy	12 at work	18 by bus	24 the Hague	30 Boston	

**If you are in a group, write some 'number sentences' for other students.**

**4 Write the English names of ten places you have been to, and ten places you would like to go to.**

**Other expressions with no article:**

*He was elected President. She became Queen. They made her Manager.*

*What's on TV? Let's watch television.*

*(BUT on the radio, listen to the radio)*

*This is Alice's house. (NOT ... the Alice's house, - see page 62)*

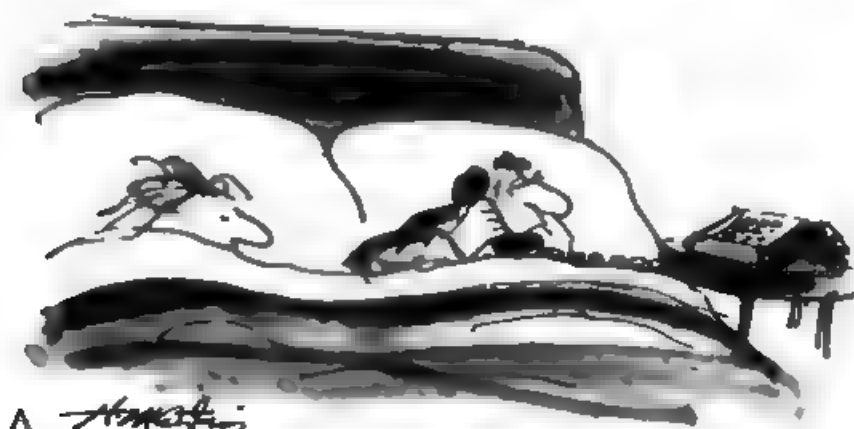
## articles: revision

### 1 A, an, the or – (nothing)?

- 1 \_\_\_\_ diplomat is \_\_\_\_ person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to \_\_\_\_ trip. *Caskie Stinnett*
- 2 \_\_\_\_ dog is \_\_\_\_ only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself. *Josh Billings*
- 3 \_\_\_\_ Americans like \_\_\_\_ fat books and \_\_\_\_ thin women. *Russell Baker*
- 4 \_\_\_\_ accountant is \_\_\_\_ man who is hired to explain that you didn't make \_\_\_\_ money you did. *Anonymous*
- 5 \_\_\_\_ actor's \_\_\_\_ guy who, if you ain't talking about him, ain't listening. *Attributed to Marlon Brando*
- 6 \_\_\_\_ optimist is someone who thinks \_\_\_\_ future is uncertain. *Anonymous*
- 7 \_\_\_\_ death is \_\_\_\_ nature's way of telling you to slow down. *Anonymous*
- 8 \_\_\_\_ diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie!' until you can find \_\_\_\_ stone. *Wynn Catlin*
- 9 \_\_\_\_ equality is \_\_\_\_ lie – \_\_\_\_ women are better. *Anonymous*
- 10 \_\_\_\_ birds do it; \_\_\_\_ bees do it; even \_\_\_\_ educated fleas do it. Let's do it. Let's fall in \_\_\_\_ love. *Cole Porter*
- 11 I always pass on \_\_\_\_ good advice. It is \_\_\_\_ only thing to do with it. It is never any use to oneself. *Oscar Wilde*
- 12 I love acting. It is so much more real than \_\_\_\_ life. *Oscar Wilde*
- 13 Never put anything on \_\_\_\_ paper, my boy, and never trust \_\_\_\_ man with \_\_\_\_ small black moustache. *P G Wodehouse*
- 14 Nothing's illegal if \_\_\_\_ hundred businessmen decide to do it, and that's true anywhere in \_\_\_\_ world. *Andrew Young*
- 15 Remember that as \_\_\_\_ teenager you are at \_\_\_\_ last stage in your life when you will be happy to hear that \_\_\_\_ phone is for you. *Fran Lebowitz*
- 16 Save \_\_\_\_ water, shower with \_\_\_\_ friend. *Anonymous*
- 17 \_\_\_\_ happiest time of anyone's life is just after \_\_\_\_ first divorce. *John Kenneth Galbraith*
- 18 Treat \_\_\_\_ work of art like \_\_\_\_ prince: let it speak to you first. *Attributed to Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 19 When I was \_\_\_\_ boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have \_\_\_\_ old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years. *Mark Twain*
- 20 When I was born, I was so surprised that I couldn't talk for \_\_\_\_ year and \_\_\_\_ half. *Gracie Allen*
- 21 A banker is \_\_\_\_ man who lends you \_\_\_\_ umbrella when \_\_\_\_ weather is fair, and takes it away from you when it rains. *Anonymous*
- 22 California is \_\_\_\_ great place – if you happen to be \_\_\_\_ orange. *F Allen*
- 23 Writing about \_\_\_\_ art is like dancing about \_\_\_\_ architecture. *Anonymous*

**2 Complete the captions with *a*, *an*, *the* or *—*, and say which cartoons they go with.**

- 1 'One night you'll get me out of \_\_\_\_ bed and it really will be \_\_\_\_ burglar.'
- 2 'I don't think much of \_\_\_\_ wedding photographer.'
- 3 'For heaven's sake, Harry! Can't you just relax and enjoy \_\_\_\_ art, \_\_\_\_ music, \_\_\_\_ religion, \_\_\_\_ literature, \_\_\_\_ drama and \_\_\_\_ history, without trying to tie it all together?'
- 4 'Good morning, Mr Dolby! It's 5.15 a.m., and this is radio station WJRM. If you name \_\_\_\_ next tune you will win \_\_\_\_ ride on \_\_\_\_ elephant and \_\_\_\_ two tickets to \_\_\_\_ rock concert!'



# possessives (my and mine etc)

## DO IT YOURSELF

### 1 Complete the table and then check your answers in the key.

This belongs to <b>me</b> .	This is <b>my</b> coat.	This is <b>mine</b> .
This belongs to <b>you</b> .	This is ____ money.	This is ____.
This belongs to ____.	This is <b>his</b> car.	This is ____.
This belongs to <b>her</b> .	This is ____ office.	This is ____.
This belongs to ____.	This is <b>our</b> house.	This is ____.
This belongs to <b>them</b> .	This is ____ dog.	This is ____.
<b>Who</b> does this belong to?	____ bike is this?	____ is this bike?

**Note also:** *its* name (NOT *it's* name); *its* value; *its* history.

### 2 Put in the right possessives.

- 1 'Is this Alice's book or (*your/yours*), do you know?' 'It's (*her/hers*).'
- 2 '(*Who/Whose*) car is that in the drive?' 'I don't know - not (*our/ours*).'
- 3 Take (*your/yours*) feet off the table. (*It/Its*) legs aren't very strong.
- 4 John's bringing \_\_\_\_ guitar and Catherine's bringing \_\_\_\_ drums.
- 5 Chris and Pat never cut the grass in \_\_\_\_ garden.
- 6 The Whartons are spending August in (*our/ours*) flat, and we're borrowing (*their/theirs*).
- 7 That's (*my/mine*) coat, and the scarf is \_\_\_\_ too.

You can't put possessives immediately after articles or after *this/that* etc.

*She's a friend of mine.* (NOT *She's a my friend.*)

*How's that brother of yours?* (NOT *How's that your brother?*)

### 3 Join up the ideas to make expressions.

- |                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 that + your smelly dog        | 7 some + his distant relations       |
| that smelly dog of yours        | 8 a + her beautiful cousin           |
| 2 that + her unemployed brother | 9 this + your wonderful news         |
| 3 another + my good friend      | 10 that + our lazy son               |
| 4 a + my brilliant idea         | 11 those + their impossible children |
| 5 these + his stupid plans      | 12 these + our silly cats            |
| 6 those + your old books        |                                      |



We normally use **possessives** with **parts of the body** and **clothes**.

*Anne broke **her** arm skiing. (NOT ... broke ~~the~~ arm ...)*

*He stood there, **his** eyes closed and **his** hands in **his** pockets.*

**4 Put in one of the words from the box with a suitable possessive.**

coats	foot	jacket	mouth	tall	raincoat
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- 1 Martin stood up and put \_\_\_\_ on.
- 2 Helen hurt \_\_\_\_ very badly yesterday.
- 3 That dog's hurt \_\_\_\_.
- 4 They took off \_\_\_\_ and sat down.
- 5 Look at the weather – and I've forgotten \_\_\_\_ again.
- 6 I'll tell you everything if you promise to keep \_\_\_\_ shut.

**5 Complete the cartoon caption with a suitable possessive.**



'No, he's not \_\_\_\_! We thought you'd brought him.'

We often use **the** instead of a possessive in expressions with **prepositions**, especially when we talk about common kinds of **pain**, **illness** and **physical contact**, and when the possessor has already been mentioned.

*He's got a pain **in the** chest.      Ann's got a cold **in the** head.*

*She hit me **on the** head.      I looked him **in the** eye.*

We use **possessives** with **own**.

***my own** room / a room of **my own** (NOT ~~an own~~ room)*

# this and that



## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Study the examples, and think about the difference between *this/these* and *that/those*.

Come and look at *this* picture.  
*This* isn't a very good party.  
 Do you like *this* music?  
 Listen – *this* will make you laugh.  
 (on the phone) *This* is Ann.  
*This* is my friend Paula.  
*These* shoes are hurting my feet.  
*These* grapes are really sweet.

What's *that* on the roof?  
 He's ill. *That's* why he's away.  
 Stop *that* noise!  
 Thanks – *that* was a great meal.  
 (on the phone) Who's *that*?  
 I didn't like *those* stories he told.  
 Do you remember *those* people  
 we met in Edinburgh?

## DO IT YOURSELF

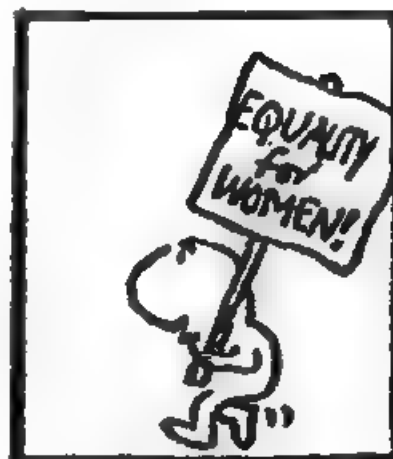
- 2 Look at the examples again. Which words and expressions in the box go with *this/these*, and which go with *that/those*? Check your answers in the key.

finished	happening now	said before	just about to start
here	near	over there	distant
			unwanted

- 3 Put in *this/that/these/those*.

- Why am I living in \_\_\_\_ country?
- Get me \_\_\_\_ box from the table.
- Ugh – \_\_\_\_ potatoes taste burnt!
- What was \_\_\_\_ noise?
- Who are \_\_\_\_ people over there?
- Come \_\_\_\_ way, please.
- Isn't \_\_\_\_ weather great?
- Did you hear \_\_\_\_ rain in the night?
- Tell her to stop \_\_\_\_ shouting.
- \_\_\_\_ was a nice meal – thanks.
- Who said \_\_\_\_?
- Why did she marry \_\_\_\_ idiot?
- Do it \_\_\_\_ way, not like \_\_\_\_.

- 4 *This or that?*



'My wife told me to carry *this/that*.'

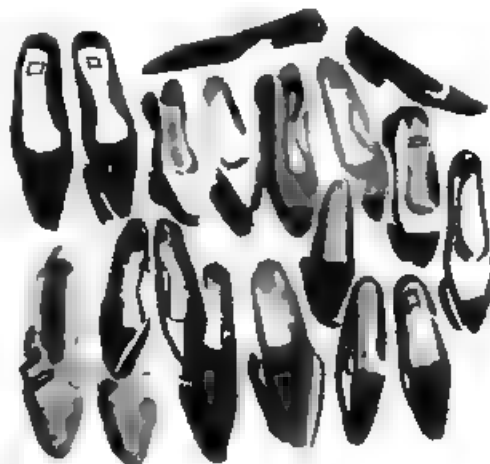
# which? and what?

We ask **which?** when there is a **limited choice**.

We ask **what?** when there is a **wide choice**.



**Which** size do you want – small, medium or large?



**What** is your shoe size?

Sometimes both are possible.

**Which/What** day next week can you come and see us?

Before *of* and *one*, we can use *which* but not *what*.

**Which of** the countries in Europe have you visited? (NOT **What of ...?**)

Look at all those stars. **Which one** is the nearest? (NOT **What one ...?**)

## 1 Which or what?

- 1 We've got red wine and white – \_\_\_\_ will you have?
- 2 \_\_\_\_ books did you read for last year's English class?
- 3 \_\_\_\_ of the books on the list have you already read?
- 4 \_\_\_\_ French queen said, 'Let them eat cake'?
- 5 \_\_\_\_'s your name?
- 6 \_\_\_\_ hand do you write with?
- 7 \_\_\_\_ kind of car have you got?
- 8 \_\_\_\_ one is yours?
- 9 \_\_\_\_ party do you think will win the election?
- 10 \_\_\_\_ subject do you prefer, chemistry or physics?
- 11 \_\_\_\_ was your favourite subject at primary school?

When there is no noun, we use *who* for people, not *which*. Compare:

**Which boxer** won?      **Who** won? (NOT **Which** won?)

# some and any

**Some** means 'a certain (not large) number or amount of'.

**Some** is used mostly in **affirmative** sentences.

We also use **some** in questions when we expect people to say 'Yes' (for example, in **requests** and **offers**).

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✓ SOME ✓

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*She's got **some** interesting ideas.      There's **some** mud on the carpet.*

*'Could I have **some** coffee?' 'Sure. And would you like **some** biscuits?'*

We use **any** instead of **some** in **negative** sentences, in most **questions**, with **If**, and with words like **never**, **hardly**, **without**, **refuse**, **doubt** (which have a **negative kind of meaning**).

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*Do you know **any** good jokes?*

*He hasn't got **any** money.*

*If you find **any** mistakes, please tell me.*

*She never has **any** fun.*

*We got there **without any** difficulty.*

*I refuse to give him **any** help.*

The difference between **somebody/anybody**, **someone/anyone**, **something/anything** etc is the same as the difference between **some** and **any**.

*There's **somebody** outside.      Would you like **something** to drink?*

*Does **anybody** understand this?      She didn't say **anything**.*

**1 Here are some sentences with **any**. Which word in each sentence gives the 'negative kind of meaning'? Examples:**

*He **never** listens to **anyone**.      We've **hardly** got **any** cat food.*

- 1 The baby refuses to eat anything.
- 2 I doubt that you'll find any bread now.
- 3 There was hardly anybody in town.
- 4 You never get any sense out of her.
- 5 You seldom hear any birds here.
- 6 I left the house without any money.

**2 Affirmative/negative: choose the right word.**

- 1 I can't find (*some/any*) butter, but we've got (*some/any*) margarine.
- 2 Emma has got (*some/any*) old pictures of the house to show us.
- 3 I haven't got (*something/anything*) to wear to the party.
- 4 There aren't (*some/any*) buses on Sunday.
- 5 Helen brought me (*some/any*) beautiful roses from her garden.
- 6 There's (*somebody/anybody*) waiting for you at reception.

**3 Questions: Choose *some/any/somebody/anybody/something/anything*.**

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 Did you meet ____ interesting at the party? | 5 Is there ____ I can do?          |
| 2 Can I offer you ____ wine?                  | 6 Would you like ____ to help you? |
| 3 Shall we listen to ____ music?              | 7 Do you know ____ German?         |
| 4 Have you got ____ children?                 |                                    |

**4 Choose the right word.**

- 1 Have you got (*some/any*) time free on Wednesday afternoon?
- 2 There's (*something/anything*) strange about the way Pete's acting today.
- 3 Nobody can find out (*something/anything*) about when the exams will be.
- 4 Is there (*something/anything*) we should bring to the meeting?
- 5 (*Some/Any*) of Laura's friends were at the party last night.
- 6 Shall I bring you (*something/anything*) to read while you wait?
- 7 I had three sets of house keys, and I can't find (*some/any*) of them now.
- 8 Hardly (*some/any*) of the smaller cars have enough leg room for Jill.
- 9 Do you know if (*some/any*) of the Morrisons are coming on Sunday?
- 10 Can I get you (*some/any*) coffee? I've just made (*some/any*).
- 11 She refuses to have (*something/anything*) to do with her family now.
- 12 I haven't done (*some/any*) revision for the exam – I know I'll fail.
- 13 If there's (*some/any*) soup left, could you put it in the fridge, please?
- 14 I doubt that there's (*something/anything*) we can do now.
- 15 Never trust (*someone/anyone*) who has a perfectly tidy desk.
- 16 Helen can ride a bike without (*some/any*) help now.
- 17 Has Eve got (*some/any*) brothers or sisters, do you know?
- 18 Harriet has got (*some/any*) beautiful jewellery, but she never wears it.

**5 Complete the cartoon caption.**



'Oh, he's right here beside me making his "I don't want to go \_\_\_\_ where with \_\_\_\_ body at \_\_\_\_ time" face.'

For *any* meaning 'it doesn't matter which', see page 36.

## some/any and no article

We use **some/any** to talk about **indefinite, not very large numbers or amounts** – when we don't know, care or say exactly how much/many.

We use **no article** when we are thinking about **unlimited numbers or amounts, or not thinking about numbers/amounts at all**. Compare:

*I've planted **some roses**.* (A limited number; it isn't clear how many.)

*I like **roses**.* (No idea of number.)

*We got talking to **some students**.* (A limited number.)

*Our new neighbours are **students**.* (The idea is classification, not number.)

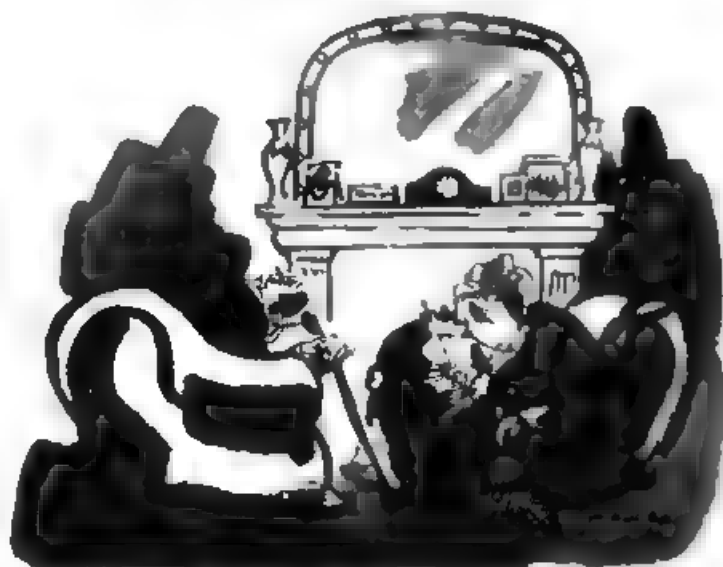
*Is there **any water** in the fridge?* (The speaker wants a limited amount.)

*Is there **water** on the moon?* (No idea of amount.)

### 1 Put **some, any, or no article**.

- 1 This car hardly uses \_\_\_\_ petrol.
- 2 This car doesn't use \_\_\_\_ petrol: it's battery-powered.
- 3 Would you like \_\_\_\_ beer?
- 4 In Belgium they make a stew with \_\_\_\_ beef and \_\_\_\_ beer.
- 5 Do you ever read \_\_\_\_ novels?
- 6 I read \_\_\_\_ wonderful novels by O'Brian when I was on holiday.
- 7 Are your sisters \_\_\_\_ doctors too?
- 8 We met \_\_\_\_ doctors at the party.
- 9 Could you lend me \_\_\_\_ money?
- 10 Is \_\_\_\_ money something you worry about?
- 11 Do you like \_\_\_\_ mushrooms?
- 12 Are there \_\_\_\_ mushrooms left?
- 13 We need \_\_\_\_ more milk.
- 14 Cheese is made from \_\_\_\_ milk.

### 2 Choose the correct version of the cartoon caption.



'Did we have *children* / *some children* that grew up and went away?'

We do **not** use **some/any** when it is clear **exactly how much/many**. Compare:

*You've got **some great books**.*

*You've got **pretty toes**.* (You've got **some pretty toes** would suggest that the speaker is not making it clear how many – perhaps six or seven.)

## no = 'not a/any'

**No** is a more emphatic way of saying 'not a' or 'not any'.  
At the beginning of a sentence, *no* is almost always used.

*Sorry, I've got **no** time.*

*There were **no** letters for you this morning.*

***No** cigarette is completely harmless. (NOT ~~Not any~~ cigarette ...)*

***No** tourists ever come to our village.*

*Nobody, nothing* etc are used in the same way.

***Nobody** loves me. I've got absolutely **nothing** to say.*

Before *of*, we use *none*, not *no* (often with a singular verb).

***None** of his friends likes his wife.*

### 1 Put in *no/none/nobody*.

- 1 'Why can't I have toast for breakfast?' 'Because there's \_\_\_\_ bread.'
- 2 'My students expect me to know everything.' '\_\_\_\_ knows everything.'
- 3 \_\_\_\_ newspaper tells the whole truth.
- 4 'What were your photos like?' 'I'm afraid \_\_\_\_ of them came out.'
- 5 'Do you think he's honest?' '\_\_\_\_ politician is completely honest.'
- 6 \_\_\_\_ of the people there remembered seeing anything unusual.
- 7 I've got \_\_\_\_ patience with people like her.
- 8 There's \_\_\_\_ I can talk to in this place.
- 9 \_\_\_\_ of you care what I think.
- 10 He had \_\_\_\_ money, \_\_\_\_ job and \_\_\_\_ place to live.

### ▲ ■ Write answers. Use *no, none, nothing*, and *nobody*.

- 1 'Why can't you take me to school in the car today?'  
*Because I've got no time.*
- 2 'Can you ask someone in your family to help you with your French?'
- 3 'Jeremy says his father speaks seventy-six languages.'
- 4 'Do we have to go out tonight? Can't we eat at home?'
- 5 'Do you think I could ask you for a cup of coffee?'
- 6 'Why don't you phone home to find out if your letter's arrived?'
- 7 'If you're bored, why don't you go to the cinema?'
- 8 'Why didn't you buy any flowers?'
- 9 'Why didn't you join in the conversation last night?'
- 10 'How many of your brothers are married?'

# any = 'it doesn't matter which'

**Any** can mean 'it doesn't matter which'.

With this meaning, **any** is common in affirmative sentences.

In negative sentences, we can use **just any** to make this meaning clear.

*Any doctor will tell you that smoking is bad for you.*

*He gets angry with any man who looks at his wife.*

*Come any time you like.*

*I don't do just any work: I choose jobs that interest me.*

**Anybody, anything** etc can be used in the same way.

*Anybody can sing if they really want to.*

*'Can I have something to eat?' 'Of course, take anything you like.'*

**Any is not negative** – it is the opposite of **no** or **not any**. Compare:

*That's easy: anybody can do it.*

*That's too hard: nobody can do it.*

*I'm really hungry – I'll eat anything.*

*I'm not hungry – I don't want anything.*

## 1 Choose the best word or expression for each sentence.

- 1 (Any/No) doctor can tell you if you've got flu.
- 2 (Any/No) doctor can tell you exactly how long you're going to live.
- 3 Just say (anything/nothing), so we can see if the microphone works.
- 4 If the police arrest you, say (anything/nothing) until your lawyer gets there.
- 5 What do you mean, music? I (can't hear / can hear) any music.
- 6 You can hear (any/no) kind of music you like at the Reading Festival.
- 7 Anna's very secretive: she talks to (anybody/nobody) about her problems.
- 8 Jim tells his problems to (anybody/nobody) who will listen.

## ▲ 2 Answer the questions using **any**.

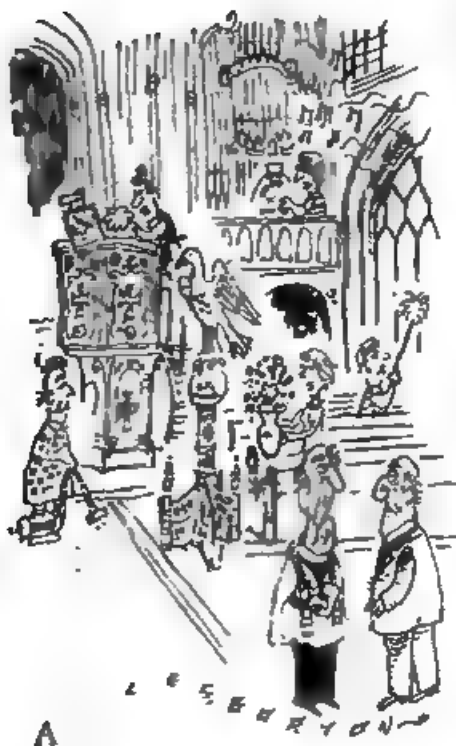
- 1 Where can you get: a plane ticket? any travel agent's  
lead-free petrol? dog food? stamps? running shoes? a dictionary?
- 2 Who can give you advice on: English pronunciation? getting a divorce?  
paying your taxes? problems with your camera? milking cows?
- 3 Write advertisements for toothpaste, shampoo, a computer, an airline  
etc, using 'Don't buy/use/etc just any ..., buy/etc ...'  
Example: Don't buy just any car, buy a Jaguar.



# some, any and no: revision

- 1 Fill in the blanks and put together the four sentences. Which goes with which cartoon?

Cook \_\_\_\_ you want for supper      he's not seeing      today  
I suppose you've brought me here      I'm sorry  
in the church      There's \_\_\_\_ place for women  
to tell me you haven't got \_\_\_\_ money      It's your birthday?



# all, everybody and everything

**All (of)** can be used with a noun or pronoun.

**All** is not used without a noun or pronoun to mean 'everybody'.

Compare:

**All the people** were tired.

**Everybody** was tired. (NOT **All** were tired.)

**All** can be used to mean 'everything' or 'the only thing', but only with a relative clause (*all that ...*). Compare:

She gave me **all/everything** (*that*) she had.

**All (that)** I want is a place of my own.

The thieves took **everything**. (NOT ~~The thieves took all.~~)

## 1 Put in **all** if possible; if not, put in **everything**.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ I need to make a comedy is a park, a policeman and a pretty girl.  
*Charlie Chaplin*
- 2 I hurry to laugh at \_\_\_\_\_, for fear of having to cry. *Beaumarchais*
- 3 I can resist \_\_\_\_\_ except temptation. *Oscar Wilde*
- 4 You can only have power over people so long as you don't take \_\_\_\_\_ away from them. *Solzhenitsyn*
- 5 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,' – that is \_\_\_\_\_  
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know. *John Keats*
- 6 They say \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is good for something. *John Dryden*
- 7 [A cynic] knows the price of \_\_\_\_\_ and the value of nothing. *Oscar Wilde*
- 8 Life is like nothing, because it is \_\_\_\_\_. *William Golding*
- 9 [We don't know] whether Laws be right,  
Or whether Laws be wrong;  
\_\_\_\_\_ that we know who lie in gaol  
Is that the wall is strong. *Oscar Wilde*

## 2 Put in **all** or **everybody**.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his. *Oscar Wilde*
- 2 In the future, \_\_\_\_\_ will be famous for fifteen minutes. *Andy Warhol*
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.  
*Universal Declaration of Human Rights*
- 4 I am free of \_\_\_\_\_ prejudices – I hate \_\_\_\_\_ equally. *W C Fields*
- 5 He who praises \_\_\_\_\_ praises nobody. *Samuel Johnson*
- 6 Justice is open to \_\_\_\_\_ people in the same way as the Ritz Hotel.  
*Judge Sturgess*

# whole and all

We use **whole** most often with **singular countable nouns**.  
We use **all** most often with **uncountable and plural nouns**.  
Compare:

*a whole plate – all the food*

*a whole concert – all the music*

*the whole sweater – all the wool*

*the whole orchestra – all the musicians*

Note the word order with *the*: **the whole ... / all the ...**

Before place names, we most often use *the whole of*.

*the whole of Europe*

## 1 Write an expression with **whole** or **all** for each item. Examples:

a football team → *a whole football team*

the flowers → *all the flowers*

a family	the islands	the road system	South Africa
the children	the country	the traffic	Asia a week
the vegetables	the political party	the students	
the luggage	the meat	MPs	a class



**Note:** In some common time expressions, both **whole** and **all** are possible.

*the whole afternoon/night/week – all (the) afternoon/night/week*

*the whole day – all day; the whole time – all the time; my whole life – all my life*

# much, many, a lot (of), little, few

We use **much** with **singular** (uncountable) nouns and **many** with **plurals**.

*How much time have we got?      How many tickets do we need?*

**Much** and **many** are most common in **questions** and **negatives**, and after **so**, **as**, **too** and **very**.

In other informal **affirmative** sentences, we generally prefer **a lot (of)**, **lots (of)** or **plenty (of)**. All three of these can be used with both uncountables and plurals.

*'Do you have much trouble with English?' 'I don't have much trouble speaking, but I have lots of difficulty writing.'* (NOT ... ~~much~~ difficulty ...)

*'Are there many opera houses in London?' 'Not many, but a lot of theatres and plenty of cinemas.'* (NOT '~~... many theatres and many cinemas.~~') )

*I love you so much.      Take as much as you like.*

*There are too many people here.*

- 1 Write at least eight sentences about yourself. Have you got not much, not many, a lot / lots of, or plenty of...? Examples:**

*I haven't got much ambition.      I've got lots of cousins.*

ambition	cousins	problems	nice clothes	energy
books	confidence	work to do	old friends	free time

- 2 Write much/many with so, as, too or very for each blank.**

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Thank you ____ for your help.    | 5 Bob feels ____ better today.    |
| 2 Are there ____ chairs as people? | 6 I don't know ____ poems as you. |
| 3 You can never have ____ love.    | 7 She's got ____ relatives!       |
| 4 I like your hair ____            | 8 Get ____ tickets as you can.    |

In a formal style, **many** and **much** are more common in affirmative sentences.

*The researches of many commentators have already thrown much darkness on this subject, and it is probable that if this continues we shall soon know nothing at all about it. Mark Twain*

**(A) little** is used with **singular** (uncountable) nouns and **(a) few** with **plurals**.  
**Little and few** are rather **negative**: they mean 'not much/many'.  
**A little and a few** are more **positive**: their meaning is more like 'some'.

Cactuses need **little water**.

Give the roses **a little water** every day.

His ideas are very difficult, and **few people** understand them.

His ideas are very difficult, but **a few people** understand them.

**Little and few** (without **a**) are rather formal: in a conversational style we more often say **only a little/few** or **not much/many**.

Cactuses **only** need **a little water**.      **Not many** people understand his ideas.

### 3 Write **little** or **few**.

- 1 There is \_\_\_\_ friendship in the world, and least of all between equals. *Francis Bacon*
- 2 A \_\_\_\_ learning is a dangerous thing. *Alexander Pope*
- 3 Men of \_\_\_\_ words are the best men. *William Shakespeare (Henry V)*
- 4 Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so \_\_\_\_.  
*Winston Churchill*
- 5 Never before have we had so \_\_\_\_ time in which to do so much. *Franklin Roosevelt*
- 6 A country having a \_\_\_\_ inflation is like a woman being a little pregnant.  
*Leon Henderson*
- 7 We \_\_\_\_, we happy \_\_\_\_, we band of brothers;  
For he today that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother. *William Shakespeare (Henry V)*
- 8 Death is one of the \_\_\_\_ things that can be done as easily lying down. *Woody Allen*

### 4 **Little or a little? Few or a few?**

- 1 It is \_\_\_\_ use trying to change her mind.
- 2 Could you possibly give me \_\_\_\_ help?
- 3 \_\_\_\_ teenagers in the village could read.
- 4 Slowly, \_\_\_\_ children began coming to school.
- 5 I only need \_\_\_\_ minutes to get ready.
- 6 She only wanted \_\_\_\_ love, \_\_\_\_ kindness.
- 7 Nadia drank \_\_\_\_ coffee and no alcohol.
- 8 Unfortunately, he had \_\_\_\_ friends.

**Now write sentences 1, 3, 7 and 8 in a more conversational style.**

**Few people can be happy unless they hate  
some other person, nation or creed.**

*Bertrand Russell*

# less and least, fewer and fewest

**Less** and **fewer** are **comparative** (see page 79): they are the opposite of **more**.  
**Least** and **fewest** are **superlative** (see page 79): they are the opposite of **most**.  
**Less** and **least** are used with **singular** (uncountable) nouns.  
**Fewer** and **fewest** are used with **plural** nouns.

*I've got **less money** than I thought.*

*Of all my friends, Jake does the **least work**.*

*There were **fewer problems** than we expected.*

*Ann was the person who made the **fewest mistakes** in the translation exam.*

In modern English, many people use **less** with plurals (e.g. *There were **less problems** than we expected*). Some people feel this is incorrect.

## 1 Write **less / the least / fewer / the fewest**.

- 1 Of all British cars, this one uses \_\_\_\_ petrol. It also needs \_\_\_\_ repairs.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ girls than boys do mathematics at university. This may be because girls get \_\_\_\_ encouragement to study maths at school.
- 3 As the years went by, they had \_\_\_\_ things to say, and \_\_\_\_ interest in talking to each other.
- 4 Do you want more time and \_\_\_\_ money, or more money and \_\_\_\_ time?
- 5 Liz is very clever, but she has got \_\_\_\_ self-confidence of anyone I know.
- 6 I've had \_\_\_\_ days off work of anybody in the office.

**Less** and **least** can also be used with **adjectives** and **adverbs**.

*Ann's **less shy** than Pat.*

*It was the **least successful** party we'd given.*

*He drives **less carefully** than I expected.*

## 2 Put **less / the least** in each blank, with one of the words in the list (or another word, if you prefer). If you are in a group, compare answers.

shy	shyly	easily	prosperous	selfish	fluently
pessimistic	politely	worried	optimistic	confident	
confidently	quickly	dangerous	religious		

- 1 I feel \_\_\_\_ about the future than I did a year ago.
- 2 My mother is/was \_\_\_\_ person you can imagine.
- 3 I spoke English \_\_\_\_ a year ago than I do today.
- 4 I think this country is \_\_\_\_ than it was a year ago.
- 5 People from the north of my country speak \_\_\_\_ than people from the south.
- 6 My home town is \_\_\_\_ place I know.

# other(s) and another

When **other** is used before a plural noun, it does not have -s.  
When **other** is used without a noun, it has -s in the plural. Compare:

Tell the **other** people. (NOT ... ~~the others people.~~)

Tell the **others**.

Can you show me some **other** shoes?

Can you show me some **others**?

## 1 Write **other** or **others**.

- 1 I could see Karima and Nedjma at their desks – but where were the \_\_\_\_?
- 2 Long after all the \_\_\_\_ cars had left, Dawson's BMW was still there.
- 3 I'll phone all the \_\_\_\_ if you'll phone Ted and Lucy, OK?
- 4 I can play the Sonata in C, but not any of the \_\_\_\_.
- 5 Do you know any \_\_\_\_ people who might have a reason to do this?
- 6 This doesn't suit me. Have you got any \_\_\_\_ colours?
- 7 Some metals are magnetic and \_\_\_\_ aren't.
- 8 The police arrested Jane, Fred and two \_\_\_\_.
- 9 I wish that girl would play more with \_\_\_\_ children.
- 10 Gerald Durrell wrote a book called 'My Family and \_\_\_\_ Animals'.

We can use **another** (one word) to mean 'one more'. But with uncountables and plurals, we do not generally use **other** to mean 'more'. Compare:

Have **another** potato. (NOT ... ~~an other potato.~~)

Have some **more** meat. (NOT ... ~~other meat.~~)

We need **more** cups.

We can use **another + few** or **another + a number** with a plural noun.

Let's wait **another few minutes**. (= ... a few more minutes.)

The job will take **another ten days**. (= ... ten more days.)

## 2 Write expressions with **another** or with **more**. Examples:

English → *more English*      book → *another book*      eggs → *more eggs*

clothes	friends	child	three pages	hour	mile
sleep	job possibilities	few days	hundred pounds	money	
time	freedom	holidays	problem	twenty miles	

# enough, too and too much

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples and choose the correct forms of the rules.  
Check your answer in the key.

This isn't **hot enough**. (NOT ... ~~enough-hot~~.)

Am I going **fast enough**?

There is never **enough time**.

### Rules

**Enough** normally comes (*before/after*) an adjective or adverb.

**Enough** normally comes (*before/after*) a noun.

- 2 Put in words from the box together with **enough**.

big	champagne	clever	confidence	good
hard	money	time	friends	old

- 1 In art the best is *good enough* Goethe
- 2 I never had \_\_\_\_ when I was young; now I never have \_\_\_\_.
- 3 This town isn't \_\_\_\_ for both of us.
- 4 Susie hasn't got \_\_\_\_ to play with.
- 5 Bob's not \_\_\_\_ to travel by himself.
- 6 There was \_\_\_\_ to give everybody a glass.
- 7 If you work \_\_\_\_, you don't have to be very intelligent.
- 8 She was \_\_\_\_ to do anything she wanted, but she didn't have \_\_\_\_ to try.

We use **too** before an adjective without a noun, or an adverb.

We use **too much/many** before a noun (with or without an adjective).

He's **too old**. (NOT ... ~~too-much-old~~.)      She's driving **too fast**.

My problem is: **too much work** and **too many late nights**.

- 3 Invent answers to the questions, using **too**, **too much** or **too many**.

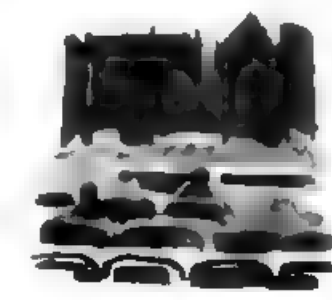
- 1 Why did Jack leave his car at the pub and take a taxi home? (*beer*)  
He'd drunk **too much beer**.
- 2 Why did they drive to the cinema in two cars? (*people*)
- 3 Why didn't Joanna stop for lunch yesterday? (*busy*)
- 4 Why don't we go to the Caribbean for our holiday? (*expensive*)
- 5 Why don't you let the children cycle to school? (*traffic*)
- 6 What went wrong in your exam? (*slowly*)
- 7 Why did you have the phone installed in the other room? (*noise*)
- 8 Can you understand what he's saying? (*quickly*)



#### 4 Write descriptions for the pictures using *not enough* or *too much/many*.



1 *too many people*



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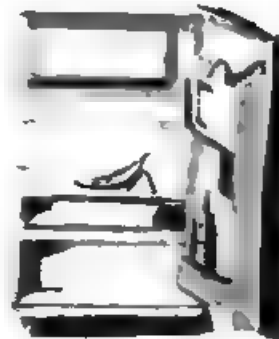
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Note the structures ... *enough* (for ...) *to* ... and *too* ... (for ...) *to* ...

*She's old enough to vote. It's not warm enough for me to swim.*  
*The box was too heavy to lift. He spoke too fast for us to follow.*

#### 5 Complete the sentences with *too/enough* and words from the list.

- The food was *too spicy* for the children to eat.
- Sally's not \_\_\_\_\_ the dog for a walk.
- They were speaking \_\_\_\_\_ what they were saying.
- Near some beaches the sea's not \_\_\_\_\_ in.
- There's someone out there, but I can't see \_\_\_\_\_ if it's Emma.
- The water was \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- I'll work on this tomorrow - I'm \_\_\_\_\_ it tonight.
- I don't understand Arabic \_\_\_\_\_ to Egyptian radio.
- He drove \_\_\_\_\_ him.

clean/people/swim  
 fast/police/catch  
 muddy/them/see  
 old/take  
 spicy/children/eat  
 quietly/me/hear  
 tired/understand  
 well/listen  
 well/decide

We can drop a noun after *enough* or *too much/many* if the meaning is clear.

*I've eaten too much. 'How many people live here?' 'Too many.'*

We can use *too much* as an adverb: *He talks too much.*

We don't normally use *too* before adjective + noun.

*She doesn't like men who are too tall.* (NOT ... ~~too-tall-men~~.)

Compare: *We haven't got enough big nails.* = *We need more of them.*

*We haven't got big enough nails.* = *We need bigger ones.*

## of with determiners

The following determiners have **of** before articles (*the/a/an*), possessives (*my/your* etc), demonstratives (*this/that* etc) and pronouns (*it/us/you/them*): *some, any, much, many, more, most, too much* etc, *enough, little, less, least, few, all, both, each, every one, none*, and numbers *one, two* etc.

some, any, much, more, etc	of	the, a/an my, your, etc this, that, etc	(ADJECTIVE +) NOUN
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*some of the older people*  
*most of my friends*  
*a few of those grapes*  
*too many of his books*

some, any, much, more, etc	of	it, us, you, them
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*none of it*  
*every one of us*  
*all of you*  
*enough of them*

**In other cases, we use these determiners without of.**

some, any, etc	(ADJECTIVE)	NOUN
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*some strange ideas*     *a little water*     *most people*     *few changes*

*Every* and *no* are used instead of *every one* and *none*.

*every two minutes*     *no time*

### 1 Put in *of* or *nothing* (-).

Dear Phil,

Well, some 1 our luggage has arrived, so things could be worse. I've got the books and papers, but I've lost most 2 my clothes. I haven't got any 3 socks at all, and I'll have to buy some more 4 jeans, but at least I've got enough 5 underwear for the week. (They don't sell it here. I don't think they wear it.) I'm going to buy a few 6 those woollen shirts that you like, and one 7 the big coats that we looked at. They've got no 8 shoes in my size, unfortunately, and none 9 the jackets suit me. Anyway, I'm not alone. Every one 10 us has lost something – in fact, three 11 people have got no 12 luggage at all. Well, as they say, into each 13 life a little 14 rain must fall.

See you on the 17th.

Andy

Note the difference between **most people** (talking about people in general) and **most of the people** (talking about particular people).

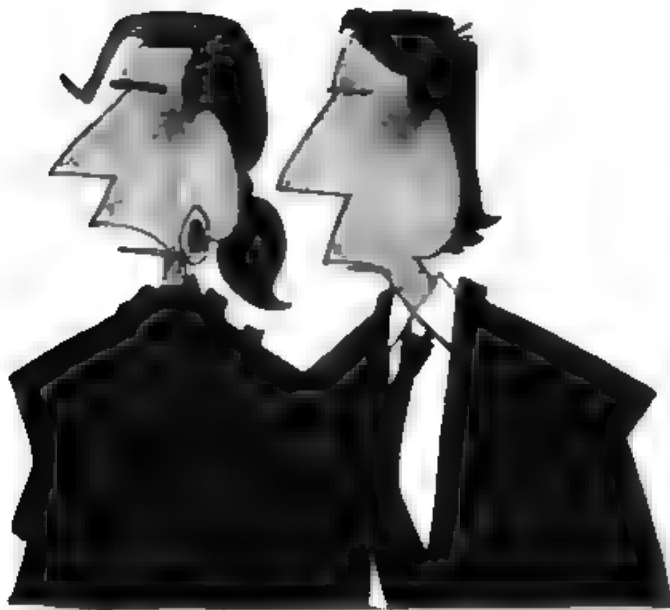
**Most people** want to have children.

**Most of the people** I know live in the country.

**2 Put in *most people* or *most of the people*.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_ enjoy talking about themselves.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ who wanted to see the match were disappointed.
- 3 I know \_\_\_\_ in our street.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ like music.
- 5 I think fishing for sport is wrong, but \_\_\_\_ would disagree.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ on the train had no tickets.
- 7 He gets on with \_\_\_\_.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ at the party were friends of Jan's.

**3 Choose the correct versions of the cartoon captions.**



'Straighten your tie, Stephen. The world is already filled with (enough disorder / enough of disorder).'



'Girls, girls! - (A little less noise / A little less of noise), please.'

**After *all* and *both*, we often drop *of* before determiners.**

***all* (of) my friends**

***both* (of) his eyes**

# personal pronouns: I and me etc

**I, you, he, she, it, we, they** are used as subjects before verbs.

**Me, you, him, her, it, us, them** are normally used in other cases.

SUBJECTS BEFORE VERBS:	<b>I like Mary.</b>	<b>We can't go on like this.</b>
OBJECTS AFTER VERBS:	<b>Mary hates me.</b>	<b>Tell us what to do.</b>
AFTER PREPOSITIONS:	<b>Look at her.</b>	<b>Why is she with him?</b>
	<b>Everybody except me was late.</b>	
AFTER BE:	<b>'Who's that?' 'It's me.'</b> (NOT normally <b>'It is I.'</b> )	

In **short answers** we can use **me, him etc** (informal) or **I, he etc with a verb** (more formal). The same thing happens after **as** and **than**.

## INFORMAL

'I'm thirsty.' **'Me too.'** (NOT **'I-too.'**)  
'Who's paying?' **'Her.'**  
I've got the same number **as him.**  
She gets paid more **than me.**

## MORE FORMAL

'I'm thirsty.' **'I am too.'** / **'So am I.'**  
'Who's paying?' **'She is.'** (NOT **'She.'**)  
I've got the same number **as he has.**  
She gets paid more **than I do.**

## 1 Put an appropriate pronoun in each blank (the sentences are informal).

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Nobody except ____ knows where the key is kept, and I'm not telling you. | 6 John's two years younger than Alice, but ____ 's nearly as tall as ____.   |
| 2 'Who bought these flowers?' 'It was _____. I thought you'd like them.'   | 7 'Who said that?' 'It was _____ – the man in glasses.'                      |
| 3 'I haven't met Mark yet – is ____ here?' 'That's _____ over there.'      | 8 You've got almost the same colour eyes as _____.                           |
| 4 'I've had enough of this party.' '_____ too.'                            | 9 You may be older than _____, but I don't have to do what you say.          |
| 5 He's faster than _____, but I'm stronger than _____.                     | 10 'Which is John's wife?' 'That must be _____ just getting out of the car.' |

## 2 Change these to make them more formal or less formal. Example:

I live in the same street as him. → *I live in the same street as he does*

- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Anne's got the same car as me.    | 6 We are not as old as they are.   |
| 2 They've been here longer than us. | 7 He had a bigger meal than I did. |
| 3 I'm much taller than him.         | 8 I am not as quick as she is.     |
| 4 'He's going to Mexico.' 'Me too.' | 9 'We are from York.' 'So am I.'   |
| 5 'Who said that?' 'Her.'           | 10 'Who wants a drink?' 'I do.'    |

We generally use **who** as both **subject** and **object**. *Whom* is unusual, especially in questions, except in a formal style. (For *whom* in relative clauses, see page 270.)

**Who** do you want to see? (More natural than **Whom** do you want to see?)

We use **it** to refer to **nothing**, **everything**, **something** and **anything**. We also use **it** when identifying people.

**Nothing** is ever the way you expect it to be.

'Who's the woman in red?' 'It's Chris Lewis.' (NOT '~~She's~~ Chris Lewis.')

People generally use *he* and *she* for their cats, dogs, horses etc; some people use *she* for their cars, motorbikes and boats. Countries are usually *it*.

Don't ride **him** on the main road – **he's** a bit nervous.

'How's the car?' '**She's** running beautifully.'

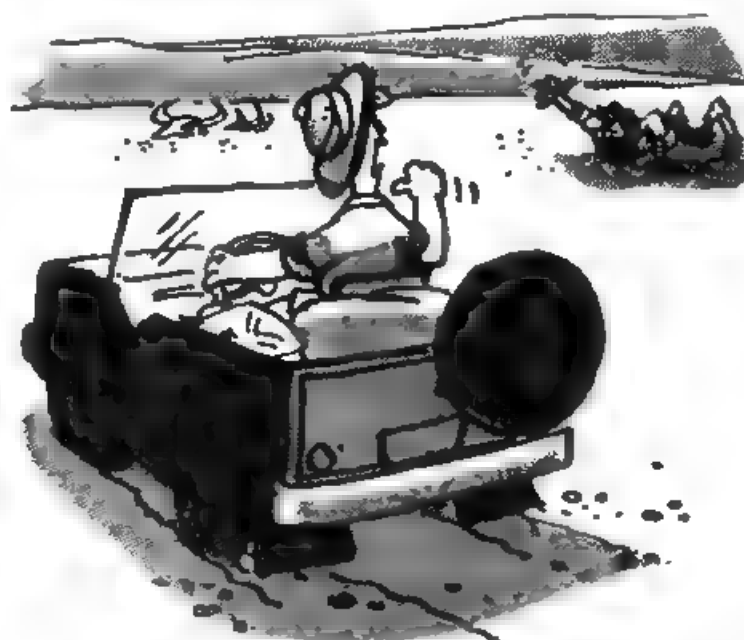
Britain imports more than **it** exports.

### 3 Put in a suitable pronoun.

- 1 'What's your cat's name?' 'Annie. \_\_\_\_ understands everything we say.'
- 2 Thailand is quite unusual: \_\_\_\_ has never been ruled by another country.
- 3 'Do you know who the managing director is?' ' \_\_\_\_ Rose Berczuk.'
- 4 My bike's been giving trouble, so I'm taking \_\_\_\_ into the garage.'
- 5 Nothing happened while I was away, did \_\_\_\_?
- 6 \_\_\_\_ did you have lunch with?
- 7 'Who's that on the phone?' ' \_\_\_\_'s your father.'
- 8 Australia doesn't accept as many immigrants as \_\_\_\_ used to.
- 9 I don't know \_\_\_\_ she's going out with now.
- 10 Everything always happens when you don't want \_\_\_\_ to.



'I don't know anybody who says "It is I".'



'Me?'

# reflexive pronouns (myself etc)

myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, oneself  
ourselves, yourselves, themselves

We use **reflexives** when the **object** is the same person/thing as the **subject**.

*I cut **myself** shaving this morning. (NOT ~~I cut me~~ ...)*

*He tried to kill **himself**. (Different from He tried to kill **him**.)*

*The lights switch **themselves** on at night.*

Sometimes a reflexive pronoun refers to something that is not the subject.

*His letters are all about **himself**. I told **her** the truth about **herself**.*

1 Put in **myself, yourself** etc or **me, you** etc.

- 1 Mary bought a book and taught \_\_\_\_ to play the guitar.
- 2 John fell and hurt \_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- 3 The computer will turn \_\_\_\_ off if you don't use it.
- 4 We looked at \_\_\_\_ in the mirror to check our makeup.
- 5 Don't pay any attention to \_\_\_\_ – he always complains.
- 6 How much time do you give \_\_\_\_ to drive to work?
- 7 June can't afford to buy \_\_\_\_ a new car, so her dad's going to buy one for \_\_\_\_.
- 8 Who gave \_\_\_\_ those lovely flowers?
- 9 It hurt \_\_\_\_ when I realised Kim wasn't going to phone me.

Reflexive pronouns can also be used to **emphasise** the **subject** or **object** – to say 'that person/thing and nobody/nothing else'.

*It's best if you do it **yourself**.*

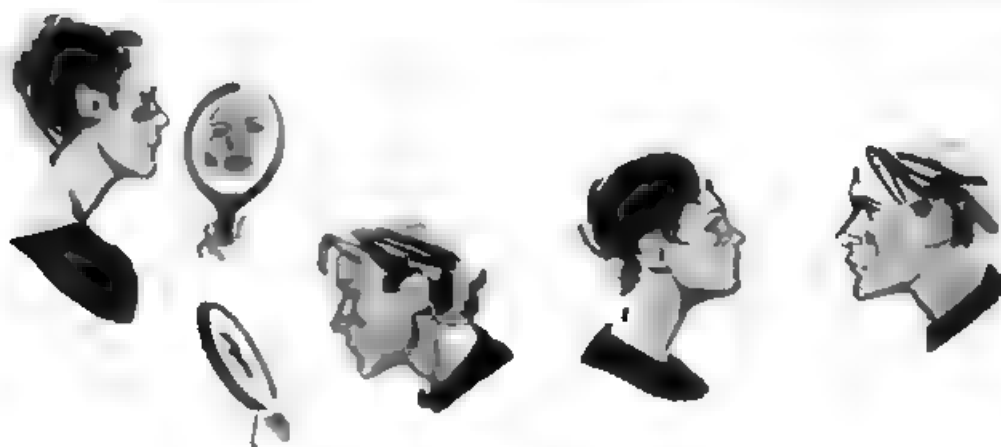
*I'll see the President **himself** if necessary.*

*The house **itself** is nice, but the garden's small.*

2 Put in suitable reflexive pronouns.

- 1 No one is going to help us, so we'll have to do it \_\_\_\_.
- 2 Veronica always cuts her hair \_\_\_\_, and it always looks great.
- 3 Robert \_\_\_\_ is quite friendly, but the rest of his family is very cold.
- 4 Did you know that the Morrisons built their house \_\_\_\_?
- 5 I don't trust anyone else to do my accounts; I always do them \_\_\_\_.
- 6 I got to see the gardens, but the palace \_\_\_\_ was closed.

Note the difference between *-selves* and *each other*.



They are looking at **themselves**.

They are looking at **each other**.

### ✓ 3 *Each other* or *-selves*?

- 1 Hilary and June write to \_\_\_\_ every week.
- 2 Agnes and Pat have bought \_\_\_\_ a flat in Rome.
- 3 Do you and your wife tell \_\_\_\_ everything?
- 4 You will all need photos of \_\_\_\_ for your membership cards.
- 5 We've promised \_\_\_\_ to telephone if one of us is going to be late home.
- 6 We've decided to give \_\_\_\_ a really nice holiday this year.

### ■ Put in *myself* etc, *each other* or *me*, *you* etc.

- 1 We decided to keep most of the fruit for \_\_\_\_.
- 2 Before leaving Eric's office the robbers tied \_\_\_\_ up and pulled out all the phone wires.
- 3 Christine and I always take \_\_\_\_ to lunch on our birthdays.
- 4 Mum, please don't help me – I'd rather do it \_\_\_\_.
- 5 Did you ask Alice whether her brother had phoned \_\_\_\_ yet?
- 6 Don't just stand there shouting at \_\_\_\_ – do something!
- 7 I've just got up – can I phone you back when I've made \_\_\_\_ a cup of tea?
- 8 I've never met John, but we've been writing to \_\_\_\_ for over a year now.
- 9 The necklace \_\_\_\_ wouldn't normally be valuable, but it belonged to Queen Elizabeth I, so it will certainly bring a very high price.
- 10 When babies first start to feed \_\_\_\_, they usually make a big mess.
- 11 You can't be sure that she got the message unless you told her \_\_\_\_.
- 12 Your teenage children want to be independent – but they expect \_\_\_\_ to be ready to help \_\_\_\_ whenever they ask you to.

**Common expressions with reflexives:** *behave yourself, enjoy yourself, help yourself, make yourself at home, by oneself* (= 'alone', 'without help').  
**Verbs normally used without reflexives:** *wash, shave, dress, feel, hurry*.  
*One another* can be used instead of *each other*.  
**Own** replaces possessive reflexives: *my own room* (NOT *myself-a-room*).

# you, one and they

**One** and **you** can mean 'people in general' (including the speaker and hearer).  
**One** is more formal than **you**.

**One/You** can't learn French in a month.

**One** dials / **You** dial 999 in an emergency.

**One's/Your** own problems always seem important.

To talk about people not including the speaker/hearer, we use **they** or a passive.

**They speak** English in this shop. / **English is spoken** in this shop.

(NOT ~~**One speaks**~~ English in this shop.)

**They** (informal) can mean 'the people around' or 'the authorities', 'the government'.

**They** don't like strangers around here.

**They** say she's pregnant again.

**They're** always digging up the roads.

**They** don't care about old people.

## 1 Write some sentences with **you** and **one**. Examples:

a card / this phone: **One** needs / **You** need a card to use this phone.

see her / appointment: **One** / **You** can't see her without an appointment.

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 get into the US / a passport    | 5 grow oranges / a warm climate            |
| 2 a ticket / a train              | 6 get a driving licence / seventeen        |
| 3 fly directly / Gdansk / Prague? | 7 eat soup / a fork                        |
| 4 good at maths / a physicist     | 8 see animals in the forest / get up early |

## 2 Write **you**, **your**, **they** or **them**.

'1 've put the price  
of stamps up again.'

'I know. And it's got  
so expensive! Nowadays 8 think  
twice before 9 write a letter. Of course  
10 've got special rates for businesses –  
it's only ordinary people that  
pay the extra.'

'Oh, 2 haven't,  
have 3 2 4 seem to do it more  
and more often. 5 can't buy more  
than a few stamps at a time, or else  
6 have to buy extra 1p stamps  
to add to all 7 letters.'

'I know.  
It makes 11  
wonder why we keep  
electing 12.'



We can also use **they**, **them** and **their(s)** to refer to a **singular indefinite person** – for example, after **somebody**, **anybody**, **nobody**, **who**, **a person**.

**Somebody** phoned and said **they** wanted to see you.

If **anybody** calls, tell **them** I'm out.

**Who's** forgotten **their** umbrella?

### 3 **They/them/their/theirs** or another pronoun?

- 1 Someone's left me a note, but \_\_\_\_ haven't signed it.
- 2 The person who phoned wouldn't give \_\_\_\_ name.
- 3 Nobody in the club has paid \_\_\_\_ annual subscription yet.
- 4 I can't help anybody unless \_\_\_\_ bring all the right documents with \_\_\_\_.
- 5 If I find out who's made this mess in the kitchen, I'll kill \_\_\_\_.
- 6 Judy says somebody's stolen \_\_\_\_ lecture notes.
- 7 Some idiot has taken my bag and left me \_\_\_\_!
- 8 If anybody can fill in this form, \_\_\_\_'re brighter than me.
- 9 Nobody will believe me unless I show \_\_\_\_ the picture.
- 10 That woman I was talking to had \_\_\_\_ car stolen yesterday.

**Diplomacy – the patriotic art of lying for one's country.**

*Ambrose Bierce*

**They cannot scare me with their empty spaces  
Between stars – on stars where no human race is.  
I have it in me so much nearer home  
To scare myself with my own desert places.**

*Robert Frost*

**Knowing what you can not do is more important than knowing what you can do.**

*Lucille Ball*

**You can get much further with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.**

*Al Capone*

**Watermelon – it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash your face.**

*Enrico Caruso*

**Most people don't use their eyes except to keep from running into things.**

*Nancy Hale*

**You cannot feed the hungry on statistics.**

*David, Earl Lloyd George*

**If the child possesses the nationality or citizenship of another country, they may lose this when they get a British passport.**

*Passport application form*

**I was [judged] in my [absence, and] [confronted] to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my [absence].**

*Brendan Behan*

**Britain would be a great country if only you could roof it over.**

*Anonymous*

**I hate to spread rumours, but what else can one do with them?**

*Amanda Lear*

**No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.**

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

# one(s)

We use **one(s)** to avoid repeating a countable noun.

'What sort of **cake** would you like?' 'A **big one** with cream.'

I'd like some **shoes** like the **ones** in the window.

'Could you lend me **a pen**?' 'Sorry, I haven't got **one**.'

We **don't** use **one** for an **uncountable** noun.

We haven't got fresh **cream**. Would you like **tinned**?

(NOT ... **tinned one**.)

1 Put in words and expressions from the box with or without **one(s)**.

big grey leather	blue	Chinese	long sunny	new
red woollen	sharp	solid practical	tall	unsweetened

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 'What colour cardigans would you like to see?' 'Blue <b>ones</b> , please.' | 6 'What sort of holiday are you having this year?' 'A ____.' |
| 2 I've lost my jacket. It's a ____.   | 7 This isn't Thai food, it's ____.                           |
| 3 'What kind of juice is that?' '____.'                                       | 8 I don't want pretty shoes, but ____.                       |
| 4 'Which glasses do I use?' 'The ____.'                                       | 9 Hand me a knife, will you – a ____.                        |
| 5 She doesn't sell used cars, only ____.                                      | 10 There's my suitcase, the ____!                            |

If there is no adjective: we do not use **a** with **one**.

'What sort of cake would you like?' '**One** with cream.' (NOT '**A one** ...')

We use **some/any** without **ones**. We use **mine** etc instead of **my one** etc.

'Could you lend me **some stamps**?' 'I haven't got **any**.'

(NOT '... **any ones**.)

'Which car shall we take?' '**Mine**.' (NOT '**My one**.)

2 Put in **one, some, any** or **mine/yours/etc**.

- 'What sort of job would you like to do?' '\_\_\_\_ where I travel a lot.'
- I haven't got a train timetable, but ask Adrian – he may have \_\_\_\_.
- 'Is that your car or Anna's?' '\_\_\_\_' – Anna hasn't got a car.'
- There aren't any matches here, but there may be \_\_\_\_ in the kitchen.
- I need a watch – \_\_\_\_ with an alarm.
- 'Where are the forks?' 'Oh, no! We didn't bring \_\_\_\_!'
- Barry has put his name on this book, but Liz says it's \_\_\_\_.
- If you haven't got enough plates, I'll be happy to bring \_\_\_\_.

# pronouns and possessives: revision

1 Choose the best words to complete the cartoon captions.



'It's just natural, that's all! \_\_\_\_\_ love  
because you're \_\_\_\_\_, like the car.'  
(we/you/they/ours/yours)



'\_\_\_\_\_ sold \_\_\_\_\_ what to \_\_\_\_\_?'  
(you/she/my/his/what/who)



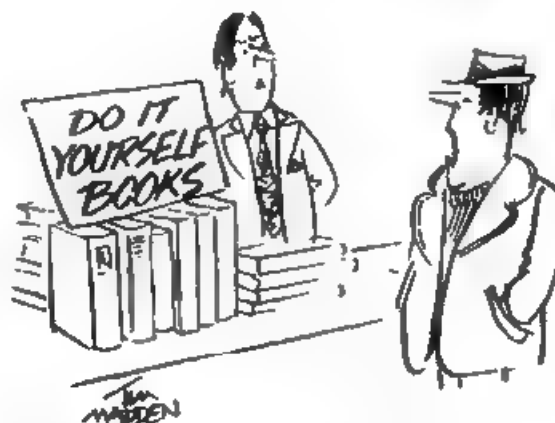
Harley  
'Could \_\_\_\_\_ tell \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ glasses are ready yet?'  
(you/he/me/us/myself/my/your)



'Have \_\_\_\_\_ seen a lady  
without \_\_\_\_\_?'  
(I/you/her/me/myself)



'Yes, of course it's important enough to  
disturb \_\_\_\_\_.' (me/him/himself)



'Have \_\_\_\_\_ any "Do It \_\_\_\_\_" books?'  
(you/he/herself/themselves)

# countable and uncountable nouns

**Countable nouns have plurals, and can be used with a/an.**

*a chair – chairs      a house – houses      an idea – ideas*

**Uncountable nouns have no plurals, and cannot normally be used with a/an. Examples: air, water, sand, intelligence, English, weather.**

*She speaks good **English**. (NOT ... ~~a good English~~.)*

*It's terrible **weather**. (NOT ... ~~a terrible weather~~.)*

## 1 Can you divide these into uncountable and countable?

book, cup, dust, flour, flower, happiness, knowledge, love, milk, meat, mountain, music, oil, piano, rain, river, snow, song, table, wall

**Some nouns can be used both uncountably and countably.**

*Wood is made from **paper**.*

*Did you remember to buy **coffee**?*

*My mother never drinks **wine**.*

*I'm going out to buy **a paper**.*

*I'll have **a** (cup of) **coffee**, please.*

*Spain produces some wonderful  
**wines**. (= kinds of wine)*

## 2 Uncountable, singular countable (with a/an) or plural?

**Complete the sentences.**

- 1 Could you pass me \_\_\_\_? (*glass*)
- 2 This table is made of \_\_\_\_ (*glass*)
- 3 I need a piece of \_\_\_\_ (*wood*)
- 4 The house was near \_\_\_\_ (*wood*)
- 5 She looked at him with \_\_\_\_ (*pity*)
- 6 It's \_\_\_\_ Anne isn't here. (*pity*)
- 7 \_\_\_\_ goes so quickly. (*time*)
- 8 She phoned six \_\_\_\_ yesterday. (*time*)
- 9 Three \_\_\_\_, please. (*beer*)
- 10 \_\_\_\_ makes you fat. (*beer*)
- 11 He hasn't got much \_\_\_\_ (*experience*)
- 12 It was \_\_\_\_ I won't forget. (*experience*)
- 13 There's \_\_\_\_ in the garden. (*chicken*)
- 14 Do you want \_\_\_\_ or beef? (*chicken*)

**With a few uncountable nouns referring to emotional and mental activity, we use a/an when there is an adjective or other description.**

*an excellent knowledge of German      a good education      a love of music*

# uncountable nouns: special cases

Sometimes uncountable and countable nouns have similar meanings.

- 1 Test yourself. Can you put these words in pairs (one uncountable, one countable) expressing similar ideas? Example:

*furniture – table*

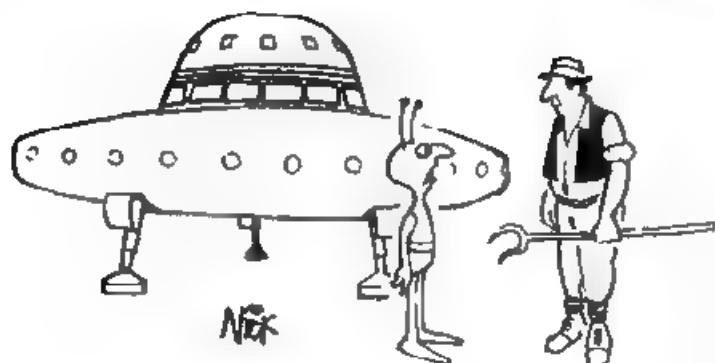
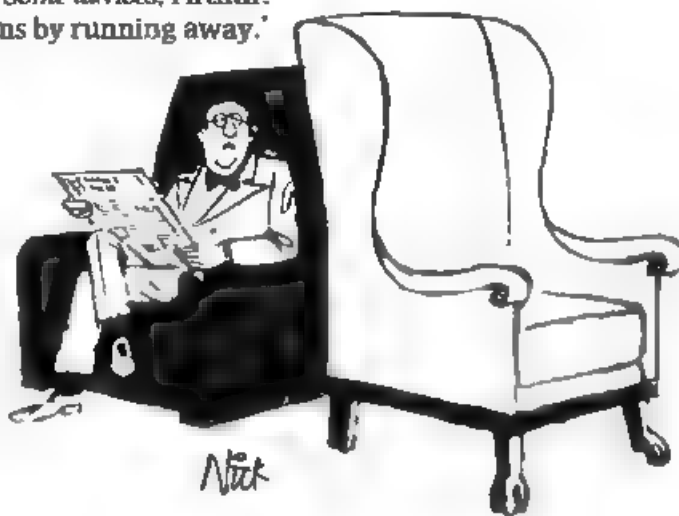
accommodation		advertisement		baggage		banknote	
bread	cars	fact	flat	furniture		information	job
journey	loaf	money		publicity		suitcase	table
traffic	travel	work					

- 2 These nouns are normally uncountable. Most can be made countable by adding *piece* (e.g. *a piece of advice*). Do you know which three can be made countable by adding *a flash of*, *a stroke of* and *a clap of*?

advice	knowledge	lightning	luck	news	research
rubbish	spaghetti	thunder			

- 3 Choose the correct form of the caption for each cartoon.

'An advice. / A word of advice. / Some advices, Arthur: no-one ever solved his problems by running away.'



'Doesn't it make you sick? Our baggage has / baggages have been sent to Jupiter.'

# plurals of nouns: spelling

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples and answer the questions. Check your answers in the key.**

babies	books	boys	buses	buzzes	cars	chairs
cities	dishes	echoes	Eskimos	foxes	gases	heroes
holidays	kilos	ladies	lorries	matches	monkeys	
photos	pianos	potatoes	quizzes	radios		
shops	tables	taxes	times	tomatoes	watches	
ways	wishes	zoos				

- What is the most common way of making the plurals of nouns?
- How do we make the plurals of words ending in **consonant + -y**?
- How do we make the plurals of words ending in **vowel + -y**?
- After which letters and groups of letters do we add **-es** to the singular?
- Four common words ending in **-o** have plurals in **-es**. Can you close your eyes and remember which they are?

- 2 Write the plurals of these nouns.**

address	box	brush	computer	desk	face	guy
list	loss	mess	patch	peach	play	poppy
reply	toy	tree	video	witch	worry	

- 3 Write a sentence using at least two plurals from 1 above.**

**Example:**

*1 oxes don't like tomatoes*

**If you can work with another student, give him/her two plurals to make a sentence with.**

## One potatoe, two potatoes

IN JUNE 1992, US Vice-President Dan Quayle visited a school class in New Jersey while the children were having a spelling competition. When 12-year-old William Figueroa wrote the word *potato* correctly on the blackboard, Quayle told him he should add an *e*. William became a schoolchildren's national hero (without an *e*) and appeared on television; the Vice-President became an international laughing-stock as echoes (with an *e*) of his mistake went round the world.

## plurals of nouns: special cases

- ▲ 1 Here are seven groups of nouns. Look in the box and find two more nouns to add to each group.

aircraft	crisis	dozen	mathematics	means	mouse
news	police	scissors	sheep	shelf	thousand
tooth	wolf				

- COUNTABLE NOUNS WITH SINGULAR (AND PLURAL) IN **-s**  
series    crossroads    analysis – analyses
- OTHER NOUNS WITH SINGULAR AND PLURAL THE SAME  
trout    deer    fish    salmon
- NOUNS THAT HAVE A PLURAL WITHOUT **-s** AFTER A NUMBER  
hundred (e.g. *two hundred*)    million
- NOUNS WITH SINGULAR IN **-f(e)**, PLURAL IN **-ves**  
calf – calves    half    knife    leaf    life    loaf    self  
thief    wife
- OTHER NOUNS WITH IRREGULAR PLURALS  
child – children    foot – feet    fungus – fungi    goose – geese  
man – men    medium – media    ox – oxen    penny – pence  
phenomenon – phenomena    woman – women
- UNCOUNTABLE SINGULAR NOUNS ENDING IN **-s** (NORMALLY NO PLURAL)  
athletics    billiards    economics    gymnastics    measles  
physics    politics
- PLURAL NOUNS WITH NO SINGULAR  
arms    belongings    cattle    clothes    congratulations  
contents    earrings    goods    outskirts    people  
remains    surroundings    thanks    troops    trousers



deer



fish

# mixed singular and plural

**Singular nouns for groups of people often have plural verbs and pronouns in British English, especially when we are talking about personal kinds of action. Compare:**

*My **family** **are** very angry with me: **they** think I should go to university.  
The average **family** **has** 3.5 members: **it** is much smaller than in 1900.*

*The **team** **are** going to lose again. **They're** useless.  
A cricket **team** **is** made up of eleven players, including **its** captain.*

## 1 Choose the best combination for each blank.

class is	club has	orchestra is	school has	staff do
class are	club have	orchestra are	school have	staff does

- 1a In England, a state \_\_\_\_ to give time to religious education.  
1b My daughter's \_\_\_\_ decided to hold their sports day next Saturday.  
2a The \_\_\_\_ given £5,000 to charity this year.  
2b The \_\_\_\_ fifty per cent more members than a year ago.  
3a The \_\_\_\_ not like the new manager.  
3b The \_\_\_\_ not need to be increased.  
4a Jane's \_\_\_\_ in Room 6.  
4b Our \_\_\_\_ planning a party.  
5a The \_\_\_\_ just tuning up – let's hurry in.  
5b An \_\_\_\_ composed of string, wind, and percussion instruments.

## 2 Choose the correct form of the cartoon caption.



'It's the office. Shall I tell *it/them/him* you're sick?'



The following **singular expressions** also usually have **plural verbs**:

*a number of ...    the majority of ...    a couple of ...    a group of ...*  
*a lot of + plural noun/pronoun, the rest of + plural noun/pronoun.*

*A number of us are worried about it.*

*The majority disagree.*

*There are a couple of children outside.*

*A lot of them were late.*

*The rest of the members are ill.*

Some **plural expressions** have **singular verbs**:

names of quantities, plural names of countries, compound nouns joined by *and*, *more than one* + singular noun.

*Ten pounds is too much to pay.*

*Three weeks wasn't enough holiday.*

*The United States is smaller than Canada.*

*Fish and chips costs £3.*

*More than one person disagrees.*

We also use a singular verb after *one of* + plural noun.

*One of your children has lost a shoe.*

### 3 Choose the right verb.

- 1 A group of teenagers in the town (*has/have*) organised a scheme to help old people with their shopping.
- 2 A number of people (*has/have*) complained about the noise.
- 3 Do you think three pounds (*is/are*) a big enough tip?
- 4 Hamburger and chips (*is/are*) not a very healthy lunch.
- 5 In the latest rail union vote, the majority (*has/have*) voted to go on strike: the rest of the members (*is/are*) expected to support the strike fairly solidly.
- 6 Two kilos (*is/are*) pretty small for a newborn baby.
- 7 Our teenage son thinks there (*is/are*) a number of good reasons for staying up late and having a good time.
- 8 More than one house in our street (*has/have*) been broken into recently.
- 9 A couple of dangerous-looking men (*is/are*) waiting for you outside.
- 10 One of my friends (*has/have*) just won two free plane tickets to New York.
- 11 Six weeks (*is/are*) a long time to wait for news of your family.
- 12 The majority of the children's parents (*is/are*) unemployed.
- 13 A lot of shops (*is/are*) opening on Sundays now.
- 14 The Philippines (*has/have*) signed the new human rights agreement.
- 15 The police think that more than one person (*was/were*) in the stolen car.
- 16 Tom and Rosie were late, but the rest of us (*was/were*) on time.
- 17 (*Is/Are*) bacon and eggs what you usually eat for breakfast?
- 18 We've just learnt that a couple of our club members (*has/have*) been chosen for the national team.

# possessive 's

SINGULAR NOUN(s) + 's: *my mother's car, Sarah and Henry's house*

PLURAL NOUN + 's: *my parents' home*

IRREGULAR plural + 's: *the children's names*

- 1 Make possessive forms from the items in List 1 to combine with items from List 2. Make fifteen combinations. Examples:**

*your sister's address      my teachers' clothes*

## LIST 1

your sister	Jonathan	Ann and Pat	those women
my teachers	Katie	our dog	Simon and Jill
most people	doctors		

## LIST 2

address	car/cars	ideas	health	legs
father/fathers	nose/noses	clothes	education	
fear of heights				

**Possessives usually replace articles before nouns.** We can say *the car* or *Sue's car*, but not *Sue's the car* or *the Sue's car*.

But a possessive word can have its own article: *the boss's car*.

**Note also:** *that car of Sue's; a friend of Joe's* (like a friend of mine – see page 28).

- 2 Right or wrong? Put ✓ for correct sentences; rewrite incorrect ones.**

- 1 Is this the teacher's pen?
- 2 Are you the Al's daughter?
- 3 Do you know Lesley's last name?
- 4 Here's the Barry's address.
- 5 Here's my parents' address.
- 6 It was the school's responsibility.
- 7 What's the Wilsons' number?
- 8 That's an old habit of Marion's.
- 9 It's a crazy idea of Alice.
- 10 Where is that brother of Carol?

**Note:** *We spent the evening at Anne's.* (= ... at Anne's house.)

*She's at the hairdresser's. I bought it at Harrod's.*

## noun + noun

We can put nouns together in three ways:

- 1 **noun + noun:** *a shoe shop; a war film*
- 2 **preposition structure:** *the top of the hill*
- 3 **possessive 's structure:** *my boss's car; Ann's idea*

Usually, an idea can be expressed in only one of these ways, and it is often difficult to know which is correct. The rules on pages 63–67 will help, but there are exceptions – this is a very difficult point of grammar.

We often put one noun in front of another. The **first noun** is rather like an **adjective**, and is usually **singular**, even if the meaning is plural.

- a horse race* (a kind of race)      *a race horse* (a kind of horse)
- a shoe shop* (NOT *a shoes-shop*)      *a Lancashire man*
- a ten-mile walk* (NOT *a ten-miles-walk*)

Articles belonging to the first noun are dropped in this structure. *Officers in the army = army officers*, NOT *the-army-officers*.

### 1 Match the expressions on the left with their meanings on the right.

- |                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 chocolate milk | a book describing cases         |
| 2 milk chocolate | b chocolate made with milk      |
| 3 book case      | c leather for making shoes      |
| 4 case book      | d drawing done in ink           |
| 5 leather shoe   | e garden with flowers in        |
| 6 shoe leather   | f ink used for drawing          |
| 7 flower garden  | g milk flavoured with chocolate |
| 8 garden flower  | h piece of furniture for books  |
| 9 ink drawing    | i flower that grows in gardens  |
| 10 drawing ink   | j shoe made of leather          |

### 2 What do you call these?

- |                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 a shop that sells music | 5 the clock in the station      |
| 2 a man from Birmingham   | 6 a rocket that goes into space |
| 3 a frame for a picture   | 7 a factory that makes biscuits |
| 4 tea made from mint      | 8 powder made from soap         |

### 3 Put these words into pairs to make noun + noun expressions. Change plural to singular if necessary.

antique	bicycle	bus	cowboy	door	film	grapes
juice	kitchen	map	newspapers	publisher		race
roads	shop	station				

## noun + noun or preposition structure

We use the **noun + noun** structure for **well-known everyday combinations**. To talk about things that do not go together so often, we usually prefer a **structure with a preposition**. Compare:

<i>a war film</i>	<i>a film about a dog</i> (NOT <del>a dog film</del> )
<i>a history book</i>	<i>a book about violins</i> (NOT <del>a violin book</del> )
<i>a postman</i>	<i>a man from the bank</i> (NOT <del>a bank man</del> )
<i>road signs</i>	<i>signs of anger</i> (NOT <del>anger signs</del> )
<i>a corner table</i>	<i>the girl in the corner</i> (NOT <del>the corner girl</del> )

**1 Eight of these ideas can naturally be expressed by 'noun + noun'. Which are they? Rewrite them.**

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 a cake made of chocolate    | 7 the door to the kitchen    |
| 2 a child in the garden       | 8 a bottle designed for wine |
| 3 a cupboard in the kitchen   | 9 a timetable of trains      |
| 4 a box for matches           | 10 a book about the moon     |
| 5 paste for cleaning teeth    | 11 chairs for the garden     |
| 6 discussions about furniture | 12 a man with a knife        |

**2 Look at the labels. Can you think of some more names of food that use the noun + noun structure?**



Newspaper headlines often save space by using the **noun + noun** structure instead of the preposition structure. Strings of three or four nouns are common.

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### Channel ferry safety drill leaves 18 injured

### Decision day in rail dispute

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### Football club burglars cut home phones

## noun + noun and possessive 's

We use the **noun + noun structure** to name **common kinds of thing**.  
The first noun is often like an **object** (of a verb or preposition).

*a shoe shop = a shop that sells shoes*

*a war film = a film about war*

We use the **possessive 's structure** most often to talk about something that **belongs to** a particular person, group, organisation, country or animal. The first noun is often like a **subject** (usually of the verb *have*).

*my boss's car: my boss has a car      Ann's idea: Ann had an idea*

### 1 Choose the correct noun group.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 a bus's station <i>or</i> a bus station           | 11 vegetables' soup <i>or</i> vegetable soup       |
| 2 a toys' shop <i>or</i> a toy shop                 | 12 China's history <i>or</i> the China history     |
| 3 the teacher's office <i>or</i> the teacher office | 13 a cowboys' film <i>or</i> a cowboy film         |
| 4 computer's disks <i>or</i> computer disks         | 14 street's lamps <i>or</i> street lamps           |
| 5 my mother's chair <i>or</i> my mother chair       | 15 the firm's office <i>or</i> the firm office     |
| 6 car's papers <i>or</i> car papers                 | 16 a bath's towel <i>or</i> a bath towel           |
| 7 Tom's plan <i>or</i> the Tom plan                 | 17 that cat's tail <i>or</i> that cat tail         |
| 8 a telephone's box <i>or</i> a telephone box       | 18 a teacher trainer <i>or</i> a teachers' trainer |
| 9 the dog's toy <i>or</i> the dog toy               | 19 the paper's editor <i>or</i> the paper editor   |
| 10 a horse's race <i>or</i> a horse race            | 20 a glass's factory <i>or</i> a glass factory     |

### 2 Complete the cartoon caption.



'I laid 67,000 eggs last year, and if I don't receive a \_\_\_\_\_, there'll be trouble.'

Mother Day card	Mother Day's card
Mother's Day card	Mother's Day's card

## possessive 's or the of structure

We use the **possessive 's** structure especially when the first noun is the name of a **person, group of people, organisation, country or animal**. In other cases we generally prefer a structure with **of**. Compare:

<i>my father's name</i>	<i>the name of the book</i>
<i>the firm's structure</i>	<i>the structure of plastic</i>
<i>America's influence</i>	<i>the influence of alcohol</i>
<i>the dog's leg</i>	<i>the leg of the table</i>

We also use the possessive 's structure with common **'time when'** expressions, and in expressions of **measurement of time**.

<i>today's paper</i>	<i>tomorrow's weather</i>	<i>yesterday's news</i>
<i>a month's holiday</i>	<i>three hours' delay</i>	

### ▲ 1 Rewrite these using 's, ' or of the. Examples:

the club + its monthly meeting    *the club's monthly meeting*  
 his parents + their car    *his parents' car*  
 the world + its end    *the end of the world*

Angela + her leg	the trees + their highest branches	my suitcase + its lock
your dog + its leg	the bank + its branch in Paris	your office + its floor
the table + its leg	my family + its name	the town + its atmosphere
our company + its best sales manager	the police force + its main problem	
next week + its timetable	last night + its party	today + its news

### ▲ 2 Make two noun groups from each set of words. Example:

file: your secretary, legal documents:  
*your secretary's file. the file of legal documents*

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 story: Helen, the French Revolution   | 6 ideas: modern physics, my son |
| 2 bed: the stream, the patient          | 7 rules: the club, football     |
| 3 policy: full employment, the company  | 8 view: the committee, the lake |
| 4 style: my favourite author, the 1930s | 9 head: the cat, the queue      |
| 5 place: language education, women      | 10 arm: the chair, John         |

- ▲ 3 Put together the expressions from the left-hand box, and three of the expressions from the right-hand box, to make captions for the cartoons.

Fear?

I have here

He doesn't know

Let's go. I've got

Right. Mr Wilson.

parked outside.

your tests' results.

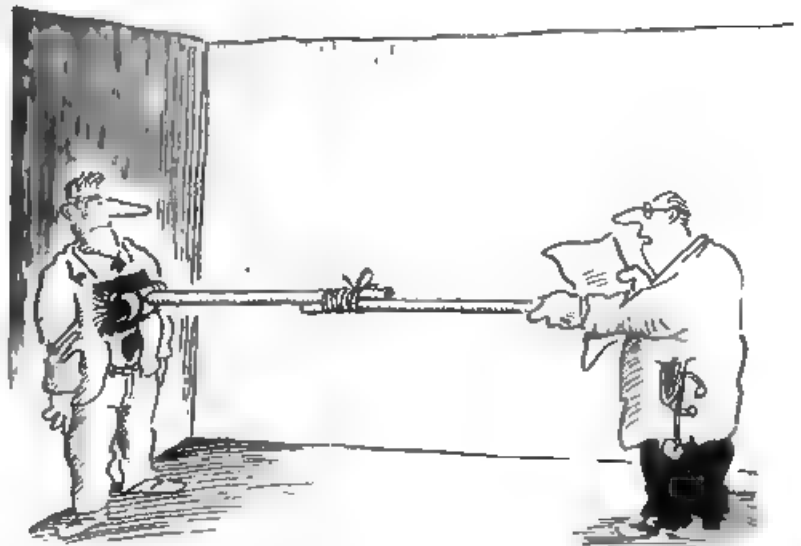
the results of your tests.

the word's meaning.

the meaning of the word.

somebody else's car

the car of somebody else



# adjectives and adverbs

ADJECTIVES: kind, shy, cold, angry, wonderful, bad, unusual, mad

ADVERBS: kindly, shyly, coldly, angrily, wonderfully, badly, unusually, madly

We use **adjectives** to say how something **is, seems, becomes, looks, feels, sounds, tastes or smells**.

*She is kind. She seems/appears shy. It's getting cold.*  
*He felt angry. (NOT He felt angrily.) That smells wonderful.*

We use **adverbs** with other verbs to say how something **happens or is done**.

*She spoke kindly but shyly. (NOT She spoke kind...)*  
*He answered me coldly. He closed the door angrily.*

- 1 Complete the sentences with words from the box. More than one answer may be correct.**

beautiful/beautifully    calm/calmly    cheap/cheaply  
 clear/clearly    slow/slowly    soft/softly    terrible/terribly  
 unhappy/unhappily

- 1 I suppose I should be nervous, but I've never felt so \_\_\_\_ in my life.
- 2 'I suppose we'll never see each other again,' she said \_\_\_\_.
- 3 I haven't got much money: if I travel this year, I'll have to do it \_\_\_\_.
- 4 The house is small and rather simple, but Anne has decorated it \_\_\_\_.
- 5 This soup tastes \_\_\_\_.
- 6 He spoke very \_\_\_\_, but she heard every word like a shout.
- 7 Good computers are getting quite \_\_\_\_ now.
- 8 The train was very \_\_\_\_; perhaps they were working on the line.
- 9 She sat there \_\_\_\_ lying about everything she had done.
- 10 This is a \_\_\_\_ house. I enjoy looking at it every time I walk past.
- 11 Her hair is so lovely and \_\_\_\_ – like a baby's hair.
- 12 This handwriting isn't very \_\_\_\_; can you read it any better than me?
- 13 The team played \_\_\_\_ last Saturday.
- 14 Time seemed to go so \_\_\_\_\_. When would he arrive?
- 15 He looks really \_\_\_\_: I wonder what's wrong.
- 16 Mary doesn't speak very \_\_\_\_: I often have trouble understanding her.



We also use **adverbs** before **adjectives**, **past participles**, **other adverbs** and **prepositional expressions**.

It's **terribly cold**. (NOT ... ~~terrible cold~~.)      This is very **badly cooked**.  
You're driving **unusually fast**.      He was **madly in love** with her.

## 2 Choose the right word.

- 1 Angela is (*amazing/amazingly*) good with animals.
- 2 As soon as I saw him I was (*sure/surely*) he had been drinking.
- 3 Do you think that's a (*real/really*) diamond in her ring?
- 4 He was wearing a (*true/truly*) astonishing tie.
- 5 I felt her arm (*gentle/gently*) to see if any bones were broken.
- 6 I read an (*amazing/amazingly*) thing in the newspaper this morning.
- 7 John was (*wonderful/wonderfully*) kind to me when I came to this country.
- 8 Keith seemed (*gentle/gently*), but there was something cruel underneath.
- 9 One leg of the chair was (*slight/slightly*) damaged.
- 10 Sarah drives a (*real/really*) beautifully restored 1914 sports car.
- 11 She looked at me (*kind/kindly*), but didn't say anything.
- 12 The door was (*bad/badly*) painted.
- 13 The food was (*wonderful/wonderfully*), but the service was (*awful/awfully*).
- 14 The room is (*clever/cleverly*) organised so three of us can work there.
- 15 The job was (*surprising/surprisingly*) easy.
- 16 He's acted (*unbelievable/unbelievably*) stupidly in the past year.

Some verbs are used with both adjectives and adverbs, with different meanings.

*You look angry.* (= *You seem angry.*)

*He looked angrily at the manager.* (= *He turned his eyes ...*)

*His plan appeared impossible.*

*She suddenly appeared in the window.*

**If a thing is worth doing,  
it is worth doing well.**

*Traditional*

**Speak softly and carry  
a big stick.**

*President Theodore Roosevelt*

**[You are] incredibly,  
inordinately,  
devastatingly,  
immortally,  
calamitously,  
hearteningly,  
adorably beautiful.**

*The poet Rupert Brooke  
to the actress Cuthleen Nesbitt*

**If a thing is worth doing,  
it is worth doing badly.**

*G K Chesterton*

**Power tends to corrupt  
and absolute power  
corrupts absolutely.**

*Lord Acton*

# confusing adjectives and adverbs

- 1 Are the words in the box adjectives, adverbs or both? Look at the sentences and decide.**

daily/weekly/monthly/yearly	cowardly	deadly	early
fast	friendly	hard	late
loud	lovely	silly	ugly
		well	

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 It's getting <b>late</b> .   | 10 If you want me to work <b>hard</b> ,<br>you'll have to pay me more. |
| 2 <i>The Times</i> is a <b>daily</b> paper.  | 11 Milk is delivered <b>daily</b> .                                    |
| 3 She's a <b>lovely, friendly, lively</b><br>person. But she seems <b>lonely</b> . | 12 The train arrived <b>late</b> .                                     |
| 4 It doesn't seem <b>likely</b> that<br>your children will be <b>ugly</b> .        | 13 I can't stand <b>loud</b> noises.                                   |
| 5 The postman's <b>early</b> .   | 14 Don't be so <b>silly</b> .  |
| 6 She speaks English very <b>well</b> .  | 15 She's becoming <b>hard</b> to live with.                            |
| 7 We have <b>monthly</b> meetings.   | 16 I'm very <b>well</b> , thanks.                                      |
| 8 Don't talk so <b>loud</b> .  | 17 That was a <b>cowardly</b> thing to do.                             |
| 9 If you've got a <b>fast</b> car,<br>why don't you drive <b>fast</b> ?            | 18 Curare is a <b>deadly</b> poison.                                   |
|  | 19 I get paid <b>monthly</b> .   |
|  | 20 Try to come home <b>early</b> .                                     |

- 2 Which of the words from Exercise 1 could go in each blank?**

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 a <b>cowardly</b> <i>friendly</i> <i>lovely/silly</i><br>expression | 9 ____ flowers      |
| 2 a ____ magazine   | 10 a ____ house     |
| 3 ____ music  | 11 We left ____.    |
| 4 She sings too ____.   | 12 trying ____      |
| 5 He visits us ____.  | 13 a ____ illness   |
| 6 a ____ thing to say   | 14 ____ work        |
| 7 ____ faces  | 15 a ____ life      |
| 8 very ____ to rain   | 16 ____ phone calls |

**Say it loud, I'm black  
and proud.**

*Title of song by James Brown*

**Once the toothpaste is  
out of the tube, it is  
awfully hard to get it  
back in.**

*H R Haldeman*

**People tell me there  
are a lot of guys like  
me, which doesn't  
explain why I'm lonely.**

*Mort Sahl*

**Give us this day our  
daily bread.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**This universe is not  
hostile, nor is it  
friendly. It is simply  
indifferent.**

*J H Holmes*

**It is better to be  
beautiful than to be  
good. But ... it is  
better to be good  
than to be ugly.**

*Oscar Wilde*

# and with adjectives

When adjectives come **after a verb**, we usually put **and** before the last.  
**Before a noun**, **and** is less common.

*He was tall, dark **and** handsome.*

*a tall, dark, **handsome** cowboy*

*I'm cold, tired **and** hungry.*

*a tired (**and**) hungry child*

But when adjectives (or other descriptive words) refer to **different parts** of a following noun, we use **and**.

*a **yellow and black** dress*

*a **concrete and glass** building*

## 1 Put in **and** if necessary.

1 The brick was rough/pink.

*The brick was rough **and** pink*

2 hot/breezy weather

3 untidy/red hair

4 The man was young/bearded.

5 The sea was cold/rough.

6 The church was old/ugly.

7 a quiet/tense woman

8 yellow/grey sand

9 The badges were red/blue.

10 a narrow/brown room



**In the softest, lightest sandals the world is somehow brighter.**

# adjectives without nouns

We can use **the + adjective** (without a noun) to talk about some social groups.

the young    the old    the rich    the poor    the sick  
the disabled    the handicapped    the blind    the deaf  
the mentally ill    the homeless    the unemployed    the dead

These expressions are **plural**: *the blind* means 'blind people'. Compare:

I'm collecting money for **the blind**.

Do you know **the blind person** next door? (NOT ... ~~the blind~~ next door?)

I met **a blind man** on the train. (NOT ... ~~a blind~~...)

We can't use all adjectives in this way: we don't normally talk about *the foreign* or *the greedy*, for example.

## 1 Complete the sentences with expressions from the box.

the blind (twice)	the living (twice)	the poor (twice)
the dead	the old	the rich (twice)
		the young (twice)

- In the country of \_\_\_\_ the one-eyed man is king. *Anonymous*
- Love, like youth, is wasted on \_\_\_\_\_. *Sammy Cahn*
- When the rich make war on each other, it's \_\_\_\_\_ who die.  
*Jean-Paul Sartre*
- It's all that \_\_\_\_\_ can do for \_\_\_\_\_, to shock them and keep them up to date. *George Bernard Shaw*
- 'Let me tell you about \_\_\_\_\_. They are different from you and me.'  
'Yes, they have more money.' *F Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway*
- We owe respect to the dead; to \_\_\_\_\_ we owe only truth. *Voltaire*
- \_\_\_\_\_ have more children, but \_\_\_\_\_ have more relatives. *Anonymous*
- Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and fight like hell for \_\_\_\_\_. *Mother Jones*
- Does it matter: – losing your sight?  
There's such splendid work for \_\_\_\_\_,  
And people will always be kind,  
As you sit on the terrace remembering  
And turning your face to the light. *Siegfried Sassoon*

The structure is also used with the following **nationality words**: Dutch, English, French, Irish, Scottish, Spanish, Welsh.

**The Welsh** have a very old literary tradition.

BUT: I like **the Welshman** who works in the garage.

(NOT ... ~~the Welsh~~...)

# adjectives: order before nouns

This is a complicated point of grammar. The following rules have exceptions.

Words for **colour**, **origin/place**, **material** and **purpose** go in that order.  
Other adjectives come before these.

OTHER	COLOUR	ORIGIN/PLACE	MATERIAL	PURPOSE	
<i>old</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>Spanish</i>	<i>leather</i>	<i>riding</i>	<i>boots</i>
<i>a funny</i>	<i>brown</i>	<i>German</i>		<i>beer</i>	<i>mug</i>

Opinions often come before descriptions.

OPINION	DESCRIPTION	
<i>funny</i>	<i>old</i>	<i>buildings</i>
<i>a terrible</i>	<i>little</i>	<i>boy</i>
<i>nice</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>clothes</i>

1 Here are descriptions from a newspaper, a journal, a biography and a novel.  
Rewrite each description in the right order. Example:

books: old, terrible    *terrible old books* (opinion + description)

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 city: Belgian, beautiful, little | 9 ink: drawing, Swiss             |
| 2 club: jazz, local                | 10 jacket: short, leather         |
| 3 dinner: excellent, cold          | 11 squares: brick, little         |
| 4 buildings: modern, industrial    | 12 boots: French, ski             |
| 5 dress: evening, red, silk        | 13 tie: blue, woollen             |
| 6 eyes: narrow, colourless         | 14 trousers: cotton, grey         |
| 7 frame: flat, gold                | 15 trucks: black, nylon, swimming |
| 8 furniture: old, lovely           |                                   |

**WONDERFUL**, tall energetic guy,  
44 going on 32, would love to  
meet that special lady to share  
life with. Call phone box 53124

Good-looking, slim, kind, cheerful,  
mature, non-smoking Welshman,  
45, interested in everything except  
opera and politics, seeks attractive,  
warm, sensitive, intelligent woman  
in 30s for friendship, love, who  
knows? Please write to Box No.781.

**WOOD STREET**  
A pretty detached town  
Cottage with dining hall,  
living room, fitted kitchen  
and conservatory. Two  
bedrooms and bathroom.  
Gas heating, attractive  
rear garden.  
**£120,000**



'Single green male. 214 ...'

First and last usually come before numbers:

*the first three weeks* (NOT *the three first weeks*)

*my last two holidays*

Note the word order in *something nice*; *nothing new*.

## word order: adverbs with the verb

**Adverbs that go with the verb** include words expressing frequency (e.g. *always, often, usually, never*) and certainty (e.g. *definitely, probably*). Note the exact position:

### AFTER AM/ARE/IS/WAS/WERE

You **are usually** right.

It **was certainly** cold.

### BEFORE OTHER VERBS

He **always forgot** my birthday.

I **often get** headaches.

### AFTER AUXILIARY VERBS

She **has probably** forgotten.

I **can never** wake up in time.

### NOT BETWEEN VERB AND OBJECT

He ~~forgot always~~ my birthday.

I ~~get often~~ headaches.

**All, both and each** can also go with the verb.

You're **all** wrong.

They **are both** studying maths.

We **each gave** a five-minute talk.

### 1 Make ten sentences from the box. Example:

*My father is often bad-tempered*

I am	always	usually	often	happy	late	tired
— is	sometimes	not often		friendly	bad-tempered	
— are	occasionally	never		depressed	worried	
				in love	in trouble	etc

### 2 Make ten sentences beginning *I have often/never ...*

**Examples:**

*I have often been to America.*

*I have never seen an opera.*

### 3 Say how often you do some of the following things. Examples:

*I sometimes stay in bed late.*

*I don't often go to the doctor.*

stay in bed late	have bad dreams	eat chocolate
get headaches	play tennis	read poetry
go to concerts	play the piano	forget people's names
go to the cinema	cook	go to the doctor
go skiing	go swimming	get depressed
		write letters
		feel happy

**4 If you can work with another student:**

- ask him/her how often he/she does the things in Exercise 3
- report his/her answer.

**Examples:**

- 1 'How often do you go to concerts?' 'Never.'
- 2 Maria never goes to concerts

**5 These sentences are all taken from real recorded conversations.  
Can you put the adverbs in the right places?**

- 1 You are here when something happens. (*usually*)
- 2 Her mum cooks a meal in the evening. (*always*)
- 3 We book that April holiday in January. (*usually*)
- 4 They think that we have got bread. (*probably*)
- 5 You should look where you're going. (*always*)
- 6 She is going to stay overnight. (*probably*)
- 7 Chocolate cakes are the best. (*definitely*)
- 8 I will be able to get it cheaper. (*probably*)
- 9 I have had an illness in my life. (*never*)
- 10 We saw sweets in those days. (*never*)
- 11 I remember buying some. (*definitely*)
- 12 Do you read upside down? (*usually*)
- 13 I can manage to get there. (*usually*)
- 14 She has done that before. (*never*)
- 15 Something is burning. (*definitely*)
- 16 She has been nervous. (*always*)
- 17 I feel cold in your house. (*never*)
- 18 They were against me. (*always*)
- 19 We are going to win. (*definitely*)
- 20 February is the worst. (*usually*)
- 21 It is very difficult. (*sometimes*)
- 22 I buy them in boxes. (*always*)
- 23 I have tried to find it. (*often*)
- 24 They are fighting. (*always*)
- 25 She saw this ghost. (*often*)
- 26 You are right. (*probably*)



'You never tell me you hate me any more.'

**If there is more than one auxiliary verb, adverbs of frequency and certainty usually go after the first auxiliary.**

*The roof **has never been** repaired.*

*I **will definitely be** seeing him tonight.*

Adverbs go before or after *not*, depending on the meaning. Compare:

*She's **not often** late.      It's **definitely not** raining.*

## focusing adverbs: even and only

**Even** and **only** often go with the verb when they focus on words later in the sentence.

He's rude to everybody. He's **even** rude to me.

(NOT ~~Even he's rude to me.~~)

He **even** plays tennis in the rain.

I **only** liked the first part of the concert.

They've **only** lived here for a few weeks.

### 1 Put in **even** or **only**.

- 1 She talks to her brother. *She **only** talks to her brother.*
- 2 I am doing this because I love you.
- 3 She gets up at six on Sundays.
- 4 He wears a suit on holiday.
- 5 She ate a piece of dry toast.
- 6 I can play very easy music.
- 7 He can't write his own name.
- 8 They make you pay for a carrier bag.
- 9 I was thinking of you.
- 10 You can ski there in summer.

**Even** and **only** can also go just before the words that they emphasise.

*He plays tennis **even** in the rain.*

*He eats anything – **even** raw potatoes.*

***Even** a child could understand it.*

*They've lived here **only** a few weeks.*

***Only** you could do a thing like that.*

**Even** does not normally go between the verb and the object.

*He can **even** speak Chinese.* (NOT ~~He can speak even Chinese.~~)

### 2 Join the beginnings and ends, and put in **even** or **only**.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I work every day	really understands me.
my mother	rats.
They do everything together	It's me! knew that he was ill.
Hello! the cat	thinks you're stupid. hated him.
She likes all animals	but for a few minutes. broke the silence.
the clock	they brush their teeth together. on Sundays.
his wife his children	
You can borrow it	



## adverbs at the end of a sentence

**At the end of a sentence** we often put words and expressions which say **how, where and when**. They most often go **in that order**.

*She sang **very well** at the concert last night.*

*He works in the garage on Tuesdays.*

(NOT ... on Tuesdays in the garage.)

*He's working there now.*

*The children were playing quietly in the garden.*

*Let's go to bed early.* (NOT ... early to bed.)

We do not normally put adverbs between a verb and its object.

*You speak English very well.* (NOT ~~You speak very well English.~~)

*Can you repair my watch now?*

(NOT ~~Can you repair now my watch?~~)

**1 Put the words in brackets into the sentences (not before the verb).**

- 1 I work at night. (*best*)
- 2 I paid at once. (*the bill*)
- 3 He always moves very slowly. (*in the morning*)
- 4 She speaks Japanese. (*fluently*)
- 5 I think we'd better open the parcel. (*now*)
- 6 She was crying in her room. (*quietly*)
- 7 We talked about it briefly. (*at lunchtime*)
- 8 I'm going to break the eggs into the bowl. (*carefully*)
- 9 Ann works at the village shop. (*on Saturdays*)
- 10 I can't explain my feelings. (*clearly*)
- 11 The team played yesterday. (*brilliantly*)
- 12 I always worked at school. (*very hard*)
- 13 She practises the piano here. (*every evening*)
- 14 I don't think she plays tennis. (*very well*)
- 15 He read every word. (*slowly*)
- 16 Put the butter in the fridge. (*at once*)

After verbs of **movement**, the order can be different: we most often put **expressions of place** first.

*He went upstairs quietly.*

# still, yet and already

We use **still** to talk about **situations continuing**.

We use **yet** to ask if something **expected has happened**, or to say that it **hasn't**.

**Still** usually goes with the verb; **yet** usually goes at the end of the sentence.

She's **still** asleep.      Do you **still** love me?      I **still** don't understand.  
Has the postman come **yet**?      Alice hasn't phoned **yet**.

We use **already** to say that something has happened **earlier than expected**, or earlier than somebody thought. **Already** usually goes with the verb.

'When's your mother coming?' 'She's **already** here.'

'You must go to Scotland.' 'We've **already** been.'

She's only been here a week and she **already** knows all the neighbours.

## 1 Put in **still**, **yet** or **already**.

- |                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Are you in the same job?          | 9 Our old car runs OK.           |
| 2 He's seventeen, but he's married. | 10 Is the rice cooked?           |
| 3 Has Susan arrived?                | 11 She's gone to bed.            |
| 4 I've finished!                    | 12 Is she in that little flat?   |
| 5 9 a.m., and it's dark!            | 13 Why are you in bed?           |
| 6 4 p.m., and it's dark!            | 14 I'm bored with my new job.    |
| 7 Have you had breakfast?           | 15 It's not time to stop.        |
| 8 Look – it's raining.              | 16 Have you written that letter? |



'It's the waiter at the restaurant where we ate tonight.  
He wants to know if everything is still all right.'

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The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

- 2 Write three or more sentences about yourself using **I am still ...**,  
**I haven't ... yet** or **I have already ...**

# comparatives and superlatives

**Comparative** adjectives are forms like *younger*, *more expensive*.  
**Superlative** adjectives are forms like *youngest*, *most expensive*.

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples and match the beginnings and ends of the rules.

more/most beautiful    more/most careful    more/most distant  
 easier, easiest    faster, fastest    happier, happiest    later, latest  
 more/most intelligent    nicer, nicest    older, oldest

### Rules

To make the comparative and superlative of:	you:
one-syllable adjectives ending in -e	put <i>more</i> and <i>most</i> in front.
other one-syllable adjectives	change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and add -er, -est.
two-syllable adjectives ending in -y	add -er, -est.
other two-syllable adjectives	put <i>more</i> and <i>most</i> in front.
longer adjectives	add -r, -st.

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 Look at the examples and complete the rule correctly.

bigger	longest	fatter	shortest	sweeter	hottest
oldest	plainer	thinnest	meaner		

### Rule

Before -er and -est, we double the last letter of:

- all adjectives.
  - adjectives that have three letters.
  - adjectives that have one vowel.
  - adjectives that end in one vowel + one consonant.
  - adjectives that end in one consonant.
  - adjectives that end in -g or -t.
- 3 Check your answers to Exercises 1 and 2 in the key. Then write the comparative and superlative of:

boring	cheap	fine	full	funny	handsome	
hard	honest	interesting	lazy	light	nervous	sad
safe	silly	sorry	stupid	uncomfortable	useful	
violent	wet					

# irregular comparison

good/well – better – best      bad – worse – worst

far – farther/further – farthest/furthest      old – older/elder – oldest/eldest

little – less – least      much/many – more – most

**Farther/further** and **farthest/furthest** are both used to talk about distance.

We use **further** to mean 'additional' in some expressions.

She lives three miles **farther/further** away from the office than I do.

**further** education      **further** information      **further** discussion

**Elder** and **eldest** are used with **brother, sister, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter**.

John's my **elder** brother. (I have one brother older than me.)

Sarah's my **eldest** sister. (I have more than one sister.)

**1 Answer the questions, using the words from the list at the top of the page.**

- 1 If I'm not happy with the pen I've got and money is not a problem, what should I do? *Buy a better pen*
- 2 Three thousand people entered a poetry competition. Max's poem won. Why?
- 3 Five friends all arrived for lunch at the same time. Alice had left home an hour before anyone else. Why?
- 4 I had a cold. I went to work, but left early and went home to bed. Why?
- 5 I wanted to make a pear tart, but I realised all the pears were going bad. I used parts of some of the pears. Which three pears did I throw away?
- 6 Jill was born in 1970. Her sisters Liz and Sue were born in 1972 and 1973, and her brothers Ted and Joe were born in 1971 and 1974. What can Liz call Jill? What can Joe call Ted? What can Sue call Jill?
- 7 My cousin has a medical problem. The doctors have done some tests, but they still can't decide what the problem is. What are they going to do?
- 8 Seven different plants need different amounts of water. Which one will grow best in a dry sunny place?
- 9 The Blacks have got a big house and three expensive cars. The Browns have got a small flat and one inexpensive car. Why?  
(Answer in two ways)
- 10 Why does it take longer for me to walk to the post office than to the park?

# comparative and superlative adverbs

**Comparative and superlative adverbs normally have *more* and *most*.**

*Could you drive **more slowly**? (NOT ... **slowlier**?)*

*French is the language he speaks **the most easily**.*

But the following adverbs have **-er**, **-est** like adjectives:

*early fast hard late near soon*

*Better, best, worse and worst can be used as adverbs.*

**1 Write the comparative/superlative of a word from the box for each blank.**

- 1 If we don't walk \_\_\_\_\_, we'll never arrive on time.
- 2 She sings \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else I've ever heard.
- 3 Andy's the most intelligent, but Sue works \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Eight is late – could you possibly get here any \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 Of all the children, Helen writes \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I would sleep \_\_\_\_\_ if I weren't worried about Tom.
- 7 For the 10.20 train, \_\_\_\_\_ we can leave home is 10.
- 8 Mark speaks French \_\_\_\_\_ of all the boys in his class.

beautiful
early
fast
fluently
hard
late
peacefully
sensitively

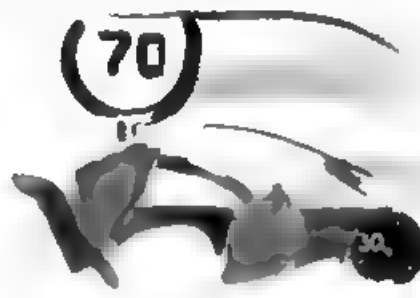
**2 If you are in a class, find out some of the following things and write sentences.**

Who: sings best, sings worst, cooks better than you, cooks worse than you, can run fastest, gets up earliest, goes to bed later than you, works hardest?

**3 Complete the captions with comparative adverbs.**



1 She ought to drive \_\_\_\_\_.



2 He ought to drive \_\_\_\_\_.



3 She should have got up \_\_\_\_\_.



4 He ought to work \_\_\_\_\_.

# much etc with comparatives

Before comparatives, we can use **much**, **far**, **very much**, **a little**, **a bit** (informal), **a lot/lots** (informal), **any**, **no** and **even**.

He's **much/far older** than her. (NOT ~~He's very older...~~)

She's **very much happier** in the new job.

I feel **a little / a bit better**.

These grapes are **a lot sweeter** than the others.

The train's **no quicker** than the bus. / ... Isn't **any quicker** ...

You look **even more beautiful** than usual.

- 1 Write ten or more sentences comparing some of the things in the box. Try and use **much / very much / far / a little / a bit / a lot / even / no / any**. Example:

The Taj Mahal is **much older** than the White House.

the Taj Mahal	the Great Pyramid	the White House
a Ferrari	a Ford	a Volvo
the Amazon	the Thames	
the Rhône	a pen	a typewriter
a computer	a dog	
a cat	a parrot	a horse
living in the country		
living in the city	the Mediterranean	the Atlantic
Europe	Africa	Asia
North America	South America	
you	your mother/father/friend/boss/teacher	



'How about a little more coffee?'

# comparative or superlative?

We use a **comparative** to compare **one** person, thing, action or group with **another** person, thing etc.

We use a **superlative** to compare **one** person, thing etc with the **whole group** that he, she, it belongs to. Compare:

*Mary's taller than her three sisters. Mary's the tallest of the four girls.*  
*Your accent is worse than mine. Your accent is the worst in the class.*

Some people use a **comparative** instead of a superlative when the **whole group** has **two members**.

*I like them both, but Maud's the nicer/nicest of the two.*  
*You can have the bigger/biggest steak if you like – I'm not very hungry.*

## 1 Make two sentences for each item. Example:

a tiger      large / a leopard?      large / all the big cats?  
*Is a tiger larger than a leopard?*  
*Is a tiger the largest of all the big cats?*

- |                   |                            |                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 this box        | strong / that one?         | strong / you've got?     |
| 2 Alistair        | tall / anyone else / class | tall / the class         |
| 3 state of Alaska | big / other states / US    | big / US                 |
| 4 this wine       | expensive / that one       | expensive / the world    |
| 5 Al's party      | good / Pat's party         | good / I've ever been to |

## 2 Compare four-wheel drive cars: here are some facts from an article about three real cars. Write at least ten sentences. Examples:

*Car Z is faster than Car X. Car Y is the fastest of all the three.*

	CAR X	CAR Y	CAR Z
FAST? TOP SPEED:	106 mph	113 mph	109 mph
EXPENSIVE?	£23,382	£35,889	£36,912
ECONOMICAL?	20.1 miles/gallon	16.7 miles/gallon	15.8 miles/gallon
SAFE?	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓
COMFORTABLE?	✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓
GOOD OFF-ROAD?	✓✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓
LUGGAGE SPACE?	1,011 litres	1,100 litres	1,020 litres

## comparatives: other points

We can use **double comparatives** to say that things are **changing**.

*It's getting **colder and colder**.*

*We went **more and more slowly**. (NOT ... ~~more slowly and more slowly~~.)*

### 1 Complete the sentences.



- 1 She's driving \_\_\_\_\_. 2 She's getting \_\_\_\_\_. 3 It's getting \_\_\_\_\_.



- 4 The maths lessons are getting \_\_\_\_\_. 5 That cat's getting \_\_\_\_\_.



- 6 I'm getting \_\_\_\_\_. 7 Bread's getting \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2 Write sentences with **...er and ...er** or **more and more** ... Example:

My daughter's maths homework / *difficult* to understand.

*My daughter's maths homework is getting more and more difficult to understand.*

- 1 My mother's driving / *dangerous* as the years go by.
- 2 I heard Jeremy practising the piano yesterday – / *good*.
- 3 It seems as if police officers / *young*.
- 4 My temper / *bad*.
- 5 *hard* / to find time for everything you want to do.
- 6 Professional tennis / *boring*.
- 7 Restaurants / *expensive*.
- 8 Her holidays / *long*.



We use **the ... the** with comparatives to say that things change or vary together.

**The older I get, the happier I am.** (NOT ~~Older I get, more I am happy.~~)

**The more dangerous it is, the more I like it.**

(NOT ~~The more it is dangerous ...~~)

**The more money he has, the more useless things he buys.**

### 3 Complete the sentences with expressions from the box.

Use **the ... the**. Example:

\_\_\_\_ Mark gets. \_\_\_\_ he looks like his grandfather.

*The older Mark gets, the more he looks like his grandfather.*

older/more	more/more	older/darker	more/angrier
warmer/more	longer/more	faster/more	more/less
more/more/less			

- 1 \_\_\_\_ he drove. \_\_\_\_ we laughed.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ I live here. \_\_\_\_ I like it.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ I get. \_\_\_\_ my hair gets.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ money he lost. \_\_\_\_ it made him.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ I learn. \_\_\_\_ I forget and \_\_\_\_ I know.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ I get to know you. \_\_\_\_ I understand you.
- 7 \_\_\_\_ clothes she buys. \_\_\_\_ clothes she wants to buy.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ it got. \_\_\_\_ time we spent on the beach.

### 4 Circular situations: make sentences like the one in the example.

He drives fast: he gets nervous.

*The faster he drives, the more nervous he gets and the more nervous he gets the faster he drives.*

- 1 He eats ice cream: he gets fat. (*The more ice cream ...*)
- 2 He reads: he forgets.
- 3 She ignores him: he loves her.
- 4 She buys shoes: she wants shoes. (*Mind the word order.*)
- 5 We spend money: we have friends.
- 6 I sleep: I'm tired.
- 7 (*Make your own sentence.*)
- 8 (*Make your own sentence.*)

**Why study?**

**The more I study, the more I know.**

**The more I know, the more I forget.**

**The more I forget, the less I know.**

**So why study?**

## superlatives: other points

After **superlatives**, we do not use **of** with a **singular word** for a **place or group**.

*I'm the happiest man **in the world**. (NOT ... ~~of the world~~.)*

*She's the fastest player **in the team**.*

*(BUT ... the fastest player **of them all**.)*

### 1 **Of or in** after a superlative?

- |                   |                     |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 all of us       | <i>of all of us</i> | 7 the four men                  |
| 2 the Army        |                     | 8 the girls in her school       |
| 3 the books I own |                     | 9 the office                    |
| 4 the class       |                     | 10 the paintings in the gallery |
| 5 Europe          |                     | 11 Rome                         |
| 6 my family       |                     | 12 the school                   |

We normally use **the** before **superlative + noun**, when we are comparing one person/thing/group with others.

*He's **the most handsome man** I know.*

*It's **the longest day** of the year.*

We do not use **the** before **superlative without noun**, when we are comparing somebody or something with him/her/itself in other situations.

*He's **nicest** when he's had a few drinks. (NOT ~~He's the nicest~~ when ...)*

*England is **best** in spring.*

### ▲ 2 Invent suitable beginnings for these sentences. **The** or not?

- \_\_\_ most beautiful city in my country.
- \_\_\_ most dangerous when they're hungry.
- \_\_\_ best modern writer.
- \_\_\_ most interesting person I've ever met.
- \_\_\_ quietest in the early morning.
- \_\_\_ most efficient way to learn a language.
- \_\_\_ most comfortable when there aren't too many people around.

### ■ Complete these sentences.

- I'm happiest when I \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ is happiest when he/she \_\_\_\_.

# than, as and that

**Than** is used after comparatives.

**As** is used in the structures **as ... as** and **the same as**.

**That** is a conjunction used, for example, after words of saying and thinking.

**That** is also a relative pronoun, like **which** and **who**.

She's **taller than** me. (NOT ... ~~taller as/that~~ me.) I'm **older than** her.

It's **as cold as** ice. The meeting's **the same time as** last week.

I told them **that** I disagreed. There's the house **that** I told you about.

We can often leave out **that** (see page 243).

I told them I disagreed. There's the house I told you about.

## 1 Than, as, or that?

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 It's ____ warm ____ toast in here. | 7 It'll cost the same ____ before.        |
| 2 It's later ____ I thought.         | 8 The car ____ I saw was too small.       |
| 3 I think ____ she's Czech.          | 9 The cat seems worse ____ yesterday.     |
| 4 I feel stronger ____ I did.        | 10 There's the boy ____ broke the window. |
| 5 Can't you eat faster ____ that?    | 11 It's not as cold ____ yesterday.       |
| 6 He's as funny ____ toothache.      | 12 She's got the same job ____ me.        |

## 2 Complete the caption.



'There, dear! I think we've left the world a better place we found it!'

## as ... as

We use **as ... as** to say that people or things are equal in some way.

She's **as tall as** her brother.      Is it **as good as** you expected?  
She speaks French **as well as** the rest of us.

After **not**, we can use **so ... as** instead of **as ... as**.

He's **not so/as** successful **as** his father.

Other useful structures:

I haven't got **as much** time **as** I thought.

We need **as many** people **as possible**.

She earns **twice as much** money **as me / as I do**.

He went to **the same** school **as me / as I did**.

(NOT ... ~~to~~ ~~(a)~~ same school ...)

- 1** Look at the information about Jake and Susie, and then write sentences comparing them using **as ... as**, **not so/as ... as** and **the same ... as**. Examples:

*Susie went to the same school as Jake.      Jake's not as old as her.*

	JAKE	SUSIE
UNIVERSITY	Manchester	Liverpool
SCHOOL	Leeds H. S.	Leeds H. S.
HEIGHT	1.92 m	1.70 m
WEIGHT	87 kg	56 kg
JOB	accountant	accountant
BORN: WHEN? WHERE?	27.7.64 Leeds	31.3.64 Leeds
SALARY	£26,000	£52,000
WORKS FOR	IBM	Rolls Royce
HOLIDAY	5 weeks	3 weeks
ADDRESS	3 Ross Street Manchester	8 Ross Street Manchester
CHILDREN	2	2
LANGUAGES	Fluent French, some German	Fluent French, fluent German
READING	Newspapers	Newspapers, magazines, non-fiction



'There goes a car with exactly the same number as ours.'

**2 Here are the beginnings and ends of some traditional expressions with *as ... as*. See how many you can put together correctly.**

**Example:**

*as cold as ice*

AS:			AS:		
black	cold	flat	a beetroot	gold	
good	green	hard	grass	the grave	
old	pretty	quiet	the hills	ice	iron
red	thin	warm	night	a pancake	
white			a picture	a rake	
			a sheet	toast	

**Some colourful and unusual comparisons:**

**as slow as a broken down snail**

**as dirty as a dustbin lid**

**as thick as two short planks (= stupid)**

**as black as two o'clock in the morning**

**as ugly as home-made soap**

**as happy as a dog with two tails**

**as poor as a church mouse**

**as crooked as a dog's hind leg**

**as crooked as a barrel of fish hooks**

**as nervous as a brick wall**

**as brave as the first man who ate  
an oyster**

**as cold as an ex-wife's heart**

**as big as the little end of nothing**

**as welcome as a wet shoe**

**as noisy as two skeletons dancing  
on a tin roof**

**as dark as the inside of a wolf**

**as scarce as hen's teeth**

**as exciting as watching paint dry**



**'How d'you mean I'm as fit as a man of thirty - I *am* thirty!'**

# like and as

We can use **like** and **as** to say that things are similar.

**Like** is a **preposition**, used before a **noun or pronoun**.

**As** is a **conjunction**, used before **subject + verb** or a **prepositional expression**.

*He runs **like the wind**.*

*She looks **like me**.*

*Nobody knows her **as I do**.*

*On Friday, **as on Monday**, we meet at eight.*

Note the common expressions *as I said*, *as you know*, *as you see*, *as usual*.

## 1 Like or as?

1 He died \_\_\_\_ he lived, fighting.

6 My brother isn't at all \_\_\_\_ me.

2 Being in love is \_\_\_\_ an illness.

7 She left \_\_\_\_ she came, silently.

3 It's mended, \_\_\_\_ you can see.

8 You're shy, \_\_\_\_ me.

4 In Paris, \_\_\_\_ in Rome, traffic is heavy.

9 Your smile is \_\_\_\_ your sister's.

5 His eyes are \_\_\_\_ knives.

10 \_\_\_\_ I said, you're too late.

In informal speech (but not writing), many people use **like** as a conjunction.

*Nobody loves you **like I do**.*

***Like I said**, she wasn't there.*

We use **as** as a **preposition** before a noun or pronoun to talk about the **jobs, roles and functions** of people and things.

*He worked **as a waiter** for a year.*

*Don't use your plate **as an ashtray**.*

Compare:

***As your brother**, I must warn you to be careful. (I am your brother.)*

***Like your brother**, I must warn you ... (We both warn you.)*

## 2 Choose an item from the box for each blank and write it with **like** or **as**.

1 Susan sings *like an angel*.

2 I worked \_\_\_\_ for five years.

3 Henry uses the dining room \_\_\_\_

4 That cat snores just \_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_, next Tuesday is a holiday.

6 I've come to this meeting \_\_\_\_

7 This bread tastes \_\_\_\_

8 James speaks \_\_\_\_: carefully and precisely.

9 She's clever and passionate – \_\_\_\_

10 Why don't we have ice cream \_\_\_\_?

a person

a secretary

a dessert

a union representative

an angel

an office

cardboard

he writes

her mother

you know

## so and such

We use **so** before an **adjective** (without a noun), or an **adverb**.

We use **such** before (**adjective +**) **noun**. **A/an** comes after **such**.

*She's **so** babyish.*

*I'm **so** hungry that I could eat a horse.*

*... your country, which is **so** beautiful.*

(NOT ... ~~your-so-beautiful-country.~~)

*I wish you wouldn't drive **so** fast.*

*She's **such** a baby.*

*I didn't know you had **such** nice friends.*

*It was **such** a comfortable bed that I went straight to sleep.*

### 1 Put in **such** or **so**.

- 1 The weather was \_\_\_\_ cold that all the football matches were cancelled.
- 2 It was \_\_\_\_ hot weather that nobody could do any work.
- 3 The book was \_\_\_\_ boring that I stopped reading it.
- 4 It was \_\_\_\_ a good film that I went to see it three times.
- 5 They've got \_\_\_\_ a nice house that I always love staying there.
- 6 And their garden is \_\_\_\_ beautiful!
- 7 His voice is \_\_\_\_ pleasant that I could listen to him all day.
- 8 I don't know why she talks in \_\_\_\_ a loud voice.

### 2 Rewrite the sentences in Exercise 1, using **such** instead of **so** or **so** instead of **such**, and making any other necessary changes.

### 3 Complete the sentences, using expressions with **such** or **so**.

- 1 It was \_\_\_\_ that I couldn't see my hand in front of my face.
- 2 The canteen served \_\_\_\_ food that nobody could eat it.
- 3 It was \_\_\_\_ car that the police couldn't catch it.
- 4 The case was \_\_\_\_ that nobody could lift it.
- 5 It was \_\_\_\_ lecture that I couldn't keep my eyes open.
- 6 This language is \_\_\_\_ that foreigners can't learn it.
- 7 He was \_\_\_\_ person that everybody liked him.
- 8 I was \_\_\_\_ that I went to sleep standing up.
- 9 I wish my \_\_\_\_ wasn't/weren't so \_\_\_\_.
- 10 I wish I hadn't got \_\_\_\_.

**Such** and **so** emphasise. To talk about **similarity**, we prefer **like this/that**.

*Look over there. I'd love to have **a car like that**. (NOT ... ~~such-a-car.~~)*

# very and too

1 Do you know the difference between *very* and *too*? Put the right expressions with the pictures.

very expensive	too expensive	very fast	too fast
very hot	too hot	very slow	too slow
too small	very tall	too tall	very small



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# very (much) with past participles

We use **very much** with **past participles** when they are in **passive verbs**.

*She was **very much** admired by her students.*

*(NOT ... ~~very-admired~~ ...)*

*The bridge was **very much** weakened by the floods.*

**Very** is common with **past participles** that are used as **adjectives**, especially to say how people feel – for example **worried, shocked, frightened, confused, annoyed, surprised, isolated, disappointed, thrilled, amused**.

*We're **very** worried about Sam. (NOT ~~We're very-much-worried~~ ...)*

*I was **very** shocked to hear about the accident.*

*She's **very** frightened of spiders.*

## ▲ 1 Put in **very** or **very much**.

- 1 Her plans have been \_\_\_\_ simplified since I last told you about them.
- 2 I can see that you are \_\_\_\_ worried about something.
- 3 I get \_\_\_\_ confused when people shout at me.
- 4 I'll be \_\_\_\_ surprised if you can't answer this.
- 5 I'm \_\_\_\_ annoyed because I can't open the safe.
- 6 His ideas were \_\_\_\_ imitated by other writers.
- 7 Many AIDS patients feel \_\_\_\_ isolated.
- 8 My book was \_\_\_\_ improved by your suggestions.
- 9 She's been \_\_\_\_ photographed, written about and talked about, but nobody really knows her.
- 10 She's \_\_\_\_ respected by her colleagues.
- 11 The police have been \_\_\_\_ criticised recently.
- 12 They weren't \_\_\_\_ amused when you told that joke.
- 13 When I had money problems I was \_\_\_\_ helped by my uncle.
- 14 Will she be \_\_\_\_ disappointed if I can't come?
- 15 You don't sound \_\_\_\_ thrilled about seeing me.

**Very much** is used with **mistaken**.

*That's Bill's car, unless I'm **very much** mistaken.*

*(NOT ... ~~very-mistaken~~.)*

## be: progressive forms; do be

We use **am being**, **are being** etc for actions and behaviour, but not feelings. Compare:

*You're **being** stupid.* (= *You're **doing** stupid things.*)

*I **was being** careful.* (= *I **was doing** something carefully.*)

*I'm depressed just now.* (NOT *I'm ~~being~~ depressed just now.*)

*She **was** very cheerful yesterday.* (NOT *She ~~was being~~ ...*)

For the use of *am being* etc in passive verbs, see page 176.

### 1 Put in the correct form of **be**.

- 1 The baby \_\_\_\_ very good today.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_ a bit lonely these days.
- 3 John \_\_\_\_ difficult about money again.
- 4 Really! The children \_\_\_\_ absolutely impossible this morning.
- 5 I don't know why I \_\_\_\_ so tired.
- 6 You \_\_\_\_ very careless with those glasses.
- 7 I didn't really mean what I said. I \_\_\_\_ silly.
- 8 She \_\_\_\_ excited about her birthday.

**Do** is used with **be** to make **emphatic imperatives** and **negative imperatives** (see page 218), but not usually in other cases.

**Do be** careful!      **Don't be** silly!

BUT *I'm not often ill.* (NOT *I ~~don't~~ often ~~be~~ ill.*)



'The dog's being impossible again.'

# be: age, colour etc

Note the use of **be** to talk about **physical characteristics and conditions**.

AGE	How old is she?	He <b>was</b> my age. (NOT <del>He had my age.</del> )
HEIGHT	He must <b>be</b> six feet tall.	She <b>is</b> the same height as her father.
WEIGHT	I wish I <b>was</b> a few kilos lighter.	
SIZE	The room <b>is</b> ten metres by six.	What size <b>are</b> your shoes?
COLOUR	What colour <b>are</b> his eyes?	
PHYSICAL	I'm hungry. Are you thirsty?	The baby <b>is</b> sleepy.
CONDITIONS	We <b>were</b> too warm/hot/cold.	Don't <b>be</b> afraid.

Note also: to **be** right/wrong/lucky/ashamed.

## 1 Complete the sentences.

- I'm \_\_\_\_ tall.
- I \_\_\_\_ the same height as \_\_\_\_.
- My eyes \_\_\_\_.
- My eyes \_\_\_\_ the same colour as \_\_\_\_.
- My hair \_\_\_\_.
- My shoes \_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_.

## 2 Write a sentence giving the size of the room that you are in now. If you are in a class, write sentences about some of the other students.

## 3 Write five or more sentences to say how you feel now. Use some of the words in the box.

cold	hot	hungry	ill	sleepy	thirsty	warm
well	wide awake					

## 4 Write three or more sentences beginning I'm (not) afraid of ...

People can have it in any colour – as long as it's

~~black~~

Henry Ford, talking about the Model T Ford car

The so-called white races are really pinko-grey.

E M Forster

Eyes too expressive to be blue, too lovely to be grey.

Matthew Arnold

~~The future is black~~

James Baldwin

I am black, but O! my soul is white.

William Blake

The East is red.

Chinese communist slogan

## do: emphatic auxiliary

**Emotive emphasis:** we can use **do** to make an expression sound stronger.

*Do sit down. You **do** look nice today! I **did** enjoy our talk.*

- 1 Join the beginnings and ends; make the sentences more emphatic by using *do/does/did*. Example:**

*I do feel ill!*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I agree	a lot.
I apologise	eggs and bacon.
I feel	he's really happy.
I hate	ill.
I like	cooking.
I need	tired.
Peter enjoyed	with you.
She looks	your party.
You talk	a job.
I wonder if	for disturbing you



*'Do come out, Rover. Susan won't bite.'*

**Contrastive emphasis:** we can use **do** to show a **contrast** – between false and true, appearance and reality, or a general statement and an exception.

*She thinks I don't love her, but I **do** love her.*

*It looks easy, but it **does** need quite a bit of practice.*

*There wasn't much time for shopping, but I **did** buy a couple of blouses.*

We can also use **do** to compare what is expected with what actually happens.

*I said I was going to win, and I **did** win.*



**2 Join the beginnings and ends: add the idea of contrast by using *do/does/did*. Example:**

*I've forgotten her name, but I do remember it began with a B.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I've forgotten her name.	Mind you, it has a nice big kitchen.
'You don't love me.'	They said eight o'clock, didn't they?
I may not be educated,	'I love you.'
I'll be ready in a minute,	but I remember it began with a B.
I'm not sure she'll be there.	but I have to make a phone call.
It's a small house.	She plays a bit of tennis sometimes.
My wife does the housework,	and she had a broken finger.
Although she didn't say much,	but I iron my own trousers.
She doesn't really like sport.	she gave me her phone number.
I made her go to the doctor's,	but if you see her give her my love.
There's nobody at home.	but I know something about life.

**3 Make sentences like the one in the example. Use *do/does/did*.**

*Shakespeare didn't make films, but he did write plays*

Shakespeare	made films	wrote plays	sell beer
Scottish people	lend money	fought against England	
In England	fought against China	eat potatoes	
Banks	eat mice	speak English	speak Japanese
Cats	rains a lot	snows a lot	
Napoleon			

Dear ...

For the past seven years the Society has benefited from the tax rebate on your covenanted subscription but, unfortunately the covenant has now expired. We do hope you will renew it.

Dear ...

I am writing to thank you for your gift of £200.00 by banker's standing order under your covenant, received on 5th October 1992.

We do appreciate all your support - it is vital to our expanding work.

Dear ...

Thank you for your letter of 14th November. I am extremely sorry that you have been troubled and I entirely agree that writing to you was discourteous and a bad use of our funds.

We do in fact take good care to ensure that this does not happen and I am making enquiries as to why we slipped up in your case.

For *do be* in emphatic imperatives like *Do be careful!*, see page 218.

# do and make

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Can you work out the rule? Look at the examples and answer the questions. Then check your answers in the key.

*Can you do the shopping?*

*Make a copy of this letter.*

*Dad makes wonderful omelettes.*

*Do something!*

*Could you do the ironing and the washing up?*

*He likes doing nothing.*

*I love making model aeroplanes.*

*I must do the accounts.*

*I want time to do some reading.*

*Once my father and I made a boat.*

*Shall I make a cake?*

*She's always making crazy plans.*

*He did something really funny.*

*Time to do some work.*

*We did a lot of walking and swimming.*

*What shall we do now?*

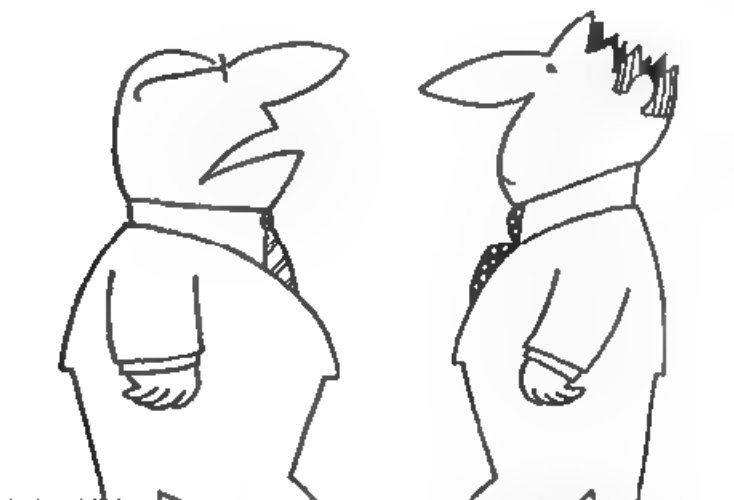
- 1 Do we use *do* or *make* to talk about **work**?
- 2 Which do we use to talk about **building** and **creating** things?
- 3 Which do we use when we **don't say exactly** what the activity is?
- 4 Which do we use before **determiner + ing form**, to talk about longer or repeated activities (mostly jobs and hobbies)?

2 Learn these fixed expressions:

**do:** good, harm, business, one's best, (someone) a favour, one's hair, one's duty, 100 mph/kph

**make:** an attempt, an effort, an offer, an excuse, a suggestion, a decision, an exception, enquiries, a phone call, a mistake, a fuss, a noise, arrangements, a journey, progress, money, a profit, a fortune, love, a bed, a fire, war, peace

3 Complete the cartoon caption.



*C. J. Garzanti*

'Pembroke, have you been trying to — decisions again?'

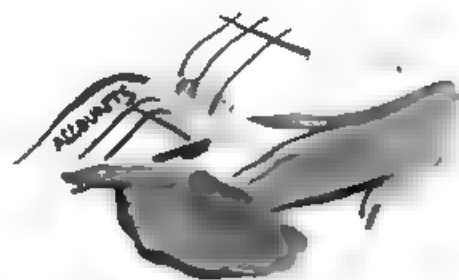
4 Try to complete the sentences without looking at the opposite page.



1 He's ~~done~~ the shopping.



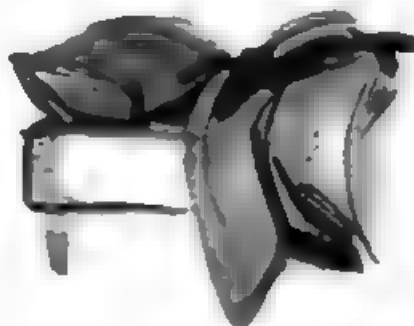
2 She's the ironing.



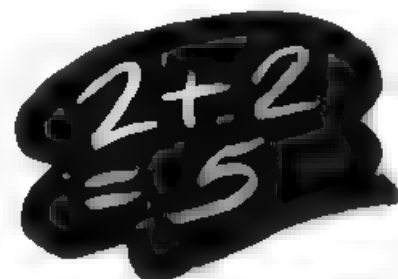
3 She's her accounts.



4 He's .



5 He's forgotten to .



6 He's .



7 He's going to .



8 They're .



9 She's forgotten to .



10 This car will .



11 Somebody's .



12 'I'm just going .'

# have: actions

We often use **have** to talk about **actions**, especially in an informal style.

## typical expressions:

*have breakfast, lunch, coffee etc*

*have a wash, bath etc*

*have a rest, sleep, lie-down, dream etc*

*have a good time, bad day, nice evening, day off, holiday etc*

*have a good flight/trip/journey etc*

*have a talk, word, conversation, disagreement, quarrel, fight etc*

*have a swim, walk, dance, ride, game etc*

*have a try, a go, a look*

*have difficulty/trouble in ...ing*

*have a baby*

*have an accident, an operation, a nervous breakdown*

In this structure, **have** is an ordinary verb with progressive forms, and with **do** in questions and negatives.

'Where's Jane?' 'She's **having** a bath.'      What time **do you have** lunch?

- 1** What can you do with these things / in these places? Use **have** with the words in the box.

dinner	a drink	a game of cards	a game of tennis
a rest	a shave	a shower	a swim
	tea		



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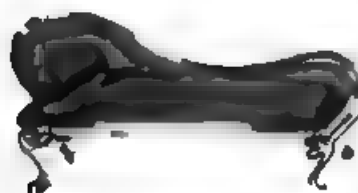
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**2 What are they going to do? Use *have* with the words in the box.**

an accident    a baby    a fight    a nervous breakdown  
an operation



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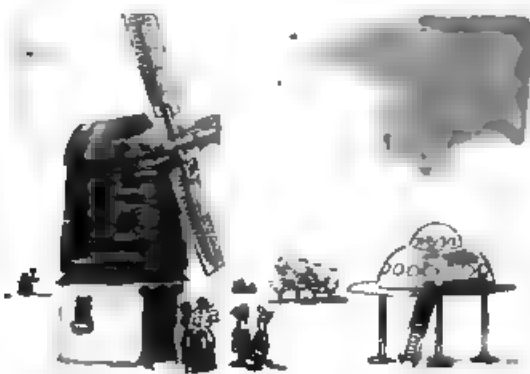
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'Yes, this seems quite a clear bit. have a nice day.'



'This is your captain speaking ... I apologise for the bumpy ride. We are now flying at about ten feet ... Mr Tatlow's had a go who's next?'



LINDSEY

'You have a go in ours. and we'll have a go in yours, okay?'

# have (got): possession etc

**Have** can be used to talk about **possession, relationships, characteristics** and similar ideas.

The short forms **I have, have I?, I have not** etc are **unusual** in an informal style.

Instead, we generally use forms with **have got** or **do ... have**.

INSTEAD OF	WE USE
I/you/etc have	I've got, you've got <i>etc</i>
have I/you? <i>etc</i>	have I got? <i>etc</i> OR do I have? <i>etc</i>
I/you <i>etc</i> haven't	I haven't got <i>etc</i> OR I don't have <i>etc</i>
had I/you? <i>etc</i>	did I have? <i>etc</i>
I/you/etc hadn't	I didn't have <i>etc</i>

## 1 Can you complete the examples?

- I've \_\_\_\_\_ a new boyfriend. (*More natural than I have a new boyfriend.*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ your sister got a car? OR Does your sister \_\_\_\_\_ a car?  
(*More natural than Has your sister a car?*)
- I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ your keys. OR I \_\_\_\_\_ have your keys.  
(*More natural than I haven't your keys.*)
- The school does not \_\_\_\_\_ adequate sports facilities.  
(*More natural than The school has not adequate sports facilities.*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ good teachers when you were at school?  
(*More natural than Had you good teachers ... ?*)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ children. (*More natural than She hadn't children.*)

## 2 If you're **homeless**, you **haven't got a home**. Write sentences using **If you're ..., you haven't got a/any ...** to explain these words:

- |             |              |             |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 bald      | 4 unemployed | 7 starving  |
| 2 penniless | 5 toothless  | 8 an orphan |
| 3 childless | 6 lonely     | 9 unmarried |

**I have got** is not present perfect in this use. It means exactly the same as **I have**. **Got-** forms are most common in the present.

The past forms **I/you/etc had** are common without **got**.

*I had a bad cold last week.*

**Do** and **got** are not used together. NOT *Do you have got any children?*

Progressive forms of **have** are not possible with these meanings.

NOT *Are you having any children?*

### 3 Complete the conversations, using *have got*, *has got* etc.

- 1 '\_\_\_\_\_ an aspirin? \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible headache.' 'I'll just look. I think \_\_\_\_\_ some in my bag. Oh, no, sorry, \_\_\_\_\_ any.'
- 2 'How many brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_?' 'Just one brother.'
- 3 'We \_\_\_\_\_ a new car.' 'Really?' 'Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ four-wheel drive, power steering and anti-lock braking.' 'Fascinating.'
- 4 'I'm afraid \_\_\_\_\_ some bad news for you.' 'Oh, no. What is it this time?'
- 5 'Why \_\_\_\_\_ dark glasses on?' '\_\_\_\_\_ something wrong with my eyes.'
- 6 '\_\_\_\_\_ dirt on my nose?' 'No, but \_\_\_\_\_ something funny in your hair.'
- 7 'Sally \_\_\_\_\_ a new boyfriend.' 'What's he like?' 'Very good-looking. He's quite tall, and \_\_\_\_\_ big dark brown eyes and a lovely smile. But she says \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible temper.'

### 4 Here are some 'contact' advertisements from a magazine. Write sentences about some of the things that the people have got. Example:

*The man in the first advertisement has got an athletic build.*

handsome, intelligent male, 6ft, 31, athletic build, Porsche, seeks attractive girlfriend, under 30, for fun and friendship. Box 329.

natural woman, 37, intelligent, fun loving, tall, brown hair, blue eyes, good sense of humour, enjoys cinema, theatre and travel, seeks sincere, well educated man, 35-55, for honest, caring relationship. Ring 093 22815.

attractive, professional black lady, slim, 5ft 6in, nice smile, own apartment, likes long hair, wants in a man. Ring 038 9734.

successful businessman, 35, attractive, tanned, nice home, yacht, requires exciting, slim female. Photograph. Ring 045 37943.

### 5 Complete some of these sentences.

- 1 I've got plenty of \_\_\_\_.
- 2 I haven't got a \_\_\_\_.
- 3 I haven't got much \_\_\_\_.
- 4 I haven't got many \_\_\_\_.
- 5 I haven't got any \_\_\_\_.
- 6 I've got too much \_\_\_\_.
- 7 I've got too many \_\_\_\_.
- 8 I've got enough \_\_\_\_.
- 9 I haven't got enough \_\_\_\_.

### 6 If you can work with another student, ask him/her ten questions using *have you got*? Then write a report on what you have found out.

# have: habitual and repeated actions

**Got-forms are not generally used to talk about habits and repeated actions.**

We **have** meetings on Mondays. (NOT ~~We've got meetings on Mondays.~~)

Do you often **have** colds? (NOT ~~Have you often got colds?~~)

- 1 Here is a child's school timetable. Write ten or more sentences beginning *She has ... / She doesn't have ...* Examples:**

*She has maths at nine o'clock on Mondays.*

*She has economics once a week.*

*She doesn't have French on Wednesdays.*

	M	T	W	Th	F
9.00–10.00	maths	French	English	maths	physics
10.15–11.15	history	maths	chemistry	French	chemistry
11.30–12.30	biology	physics	Russian	geography	English
2.00–3.00	English	geography	sociology	Russian	maths
3.15–4.15	games	economics	games	English	games

- 2 Write some sentences about what happens in your week. Examples:**

*I have staff meetings on Wednesday mornings.*

*I have English lessons three times a week.*

*I usually have a lie-in on Sunday mornings.*

## American influence on British usage

In British English, present-tense *do*-forms have traditionally been used mostly to talk about habitual and repeated actions; *got*-forms have been used in other cases. (Compare: *I don't usually have colds; I haven't got a cold.*)

In standard American English, *got*-forms are unusual in questions and negatives, and *do*-forms are common for all meanings. (*I don't have a cold.*)

But modern British English usage is becoming more similar to American usage.

# have + object + verb form

**Have something done:** arrange for something to be done.

*I must have my watch repaired.      We need to have the curtains cleaned.*

**I Make sentences using have + object + the past participles in the box.**

changed	cleaned	cut	put in	redecorated	repaired	reproofed
re-strung	serviced	sharpened	valued			

- 1 When did you last (your hair)?  
*When did you last have your hair cut?*
- 2 We (our knives) once a year.
- 3 We're going to (the roof) next summer.
- 4 I must (my jacket). And I'd better (my raincoat).
- 5 'Do we need to (the car)?' 'Well, we ought to (the oil).'
- 6 When she (her jewellery), she found it wasn't actually worth much.
- 7 You need to (your tennis racket).
- 8 Shall we (the kitchen), or shall we do it ourselves?
- 9 It would be nice to (some more electric sockets).

This structure can also be used to refer to kinds of experience:

**Have something happen:** experience something that happens/happened/etc.

**Have something happening:** experience something that is/was happening.

**Have something done:** experience something that is/was done.

*We had a strange man come to the door yesterday.*

*We suddenly realised we had water coming through the ceiling.*

*He had his car stolen while he was shopping.*



*'If you don't mind, I'm going to stop this conversation right now and turn on the television.  
If I've got to have my intelligence insulted, then I'd rather it were done by an expert.'*

# modal auxiliary verbs: basic rules

The 'modal auxiliary verbs' are *can*, *could*, *may*, *might*, *shall*, *should*, *will*, *would*, *must* and *ought*.

They are used **before other verbs**, and in **tags** and **short answers**.

'You *can* speak Japanese, *can't* you?' 'Yes, I *can*.'

'You *shouldn't* be here, *should* you?' 'No, I *shouldn't*.'

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Compare the modal verbs and the ordinary verbs in the examples, and answer the questions. Check your answers in the key.

<i>Could you help me?</i>	<i>Do you expect to see her?</i>	<i>Do you want to stop?</i>
<i>He must be happy.</i>	<i>He seems to be happy.</i>	<i>I can't sing.</i>
<i>I hope to see him.</i>	<i>It may rain.</i>	<i>Shall we stop?</i>
<i>She will not go home.</i>	<i>She doesn't know much.</i>	<i>She wants to go home.</i>
<i>They didn't ask to be here.</i>	<i>They shouldn't be here.</i>	<i>We ought to tell her.</i>

- 1 Which sort of infinitive is used after modal verbs? Which is the exception?
- 2 What is special about the third person present (*he/she/it ...*) of modals?
- 3 What is special about the question and negative forms of modals?

- 2 Use infinitives from the box to complete the sentences.

be	to be	do	to do	finish	to finish	get
to get	go	to go	make	to make	pass	to pass
play	to play					

- 1 Can you \_\_\_\_ the piano?
- 2 She seems \_\_\_\_ better today.
- 3 I want \_\_\_\_ some shopping.
- 4 We may \_\_\_\_ to France soon.
- 5 When will you \_\_\_\_ school?
- 6 She hopes \_\_\_\_ a new car.
- 7 Must you \_\_\_\_ so much noise?
- 8 Could you \_\_\_\_ the salt?

- 3 Make these sentences into questions, and change the pronouns as shown. Example:

I can swim. (*you*) → *Can you swim?*

- 1 She can stay here. (*I*)
- 2 I must go. (*you*)
- 3 They will understand. (*he*)
- 4 I shall drive. (*we*)
- 5 He could do it. (*she*)
- 6 I would like to. (*you*)

Modal auxiliary verbs have **no infinitives or participles**. Instead, we use other expressions like **be able to, be allowed to, have to**.

**4 Can you complete the examples with expressions from the box?**

be able to	to be able to	been able to	been allowed to
have to	to have to	had to	

- 1 He'd like \_\_\_\_ travel abroad more. (NOT ~~He'd like to can~~ ...)
- 2 I've never \_\_\_\_ understand maths. (NOT ~~I've never could~~ ...)
- 3 The child has always \_\_\_\_ go out alone. (NOT ~~She's always could~~ ...)
- 4 I'm sorry \_\_\_\_ tell you this ... (NOT ~~I'm sorry to must~~ ...)
- 5 We've \_\_\_\_ get new shoes for both the kids. (NOT ~~We've must~~ ...)
- 6 One day, everybody will \_\_\_\_ travel where they want.
- 7 I'm afraid you will \_\_\_\_ work next weekend.
- 8 I would hate \_\_\_\_ live in a big city.
- 9 I would have enjoyed the holiday more if I had \_\_\_\_ speak Spanish.

**5 Complete some of these sentences.**

- 1 I've never been able to \_\_\_\_.
- 2 I'd like to be able to \_\_\_\_.
- 3 One day, people will be able to \_\_\_\_.
- 4 I wouldn't like to have to \_\_\_\_.
- 5 I've always had to \_\_\_\_.
- 6 I've never had to \_\_\_\_.
- 7 When I am President of the World, people will have to \_\_\_\_.

**6 What do you think are the missing words in the cartoon caption?**



'But the good news is that you'll never \_\_\_\_ smoke, drink or drive a car again.'

# must, can, may, might: how certain?

We can use **must** to say that something is **logically necessary**, or that we **suppose** it is **certain**. The **negative** is **cannot** or **can't**, not **must not**.

*If A is bigger than B, and B is bigger than C, then A **must** be bigger than C.*

*Mary **must** have a problem – she keeps crying.*

*There's the doorbell. It **must** be Roger.*

*No, it **can't** be Roger. It's too early. (NOT ... it ~~mustn't~~ be Roger ...)*

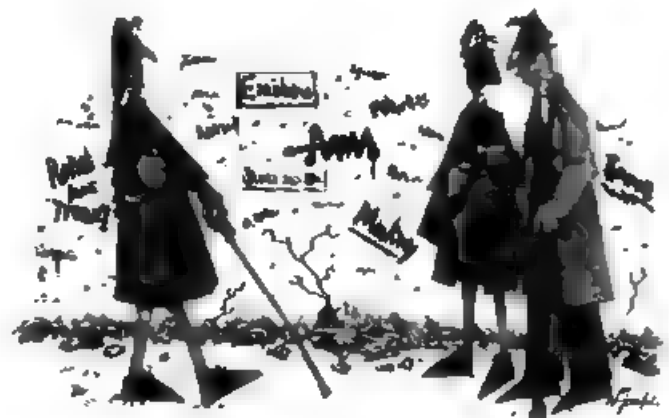
**Can** is used in **questions**.

*There's the phone. Who **can** it be?*

## 1 Rewrite these sentences using **must** or **can't**.

- 1 I'm sure she's at home. *She **must** be at home*
- 2 I'm certain you're crazy.
- 3 I know that isn't Janet – she's in America.
- 4 I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid.
- 5 I bet I look silly in this coat.
- 6 They're always buying new cars – I'm certain they make a lot of money.
- 7 I'm sure he's not a teacher – he's too well dressed.
- 8 You're an architect? I'm sure that's an interesting job.
- 9 I'm sure you're not serious. I know you're joking.
- 10 I'm sure he's got another woman: he keeps coming home late.

JUMP, BOY!



'She must be blind. She's smiling.'

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MUST BE DULL.

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**May** suggests that something is **possible**. **Might** suggests a **weaker possibility**.

*She **may** be at home. (perhaps a 50% chance)*

*Ann **might** be there too. (a smaller chance)*

*According to the radio, it **may** rain today. It **might** even snow.*

- 2 Look at the pictures and write sentences with **must/may/might/can't**. Example:

1 She **must** be ill. OR She **can't** be well



Note the difference between **may/might not** and **can't**.

*The game **may/might not** finish before ten. (Perhaps it won't.)*

*The game **can't** finish before ten. (It's not possible.)*

# must, should etc: obligation

**Must** is used for **orders** and for **strong suggestions**, advice and opinions.  
**Should** is used for **less strong suggestions**, advice and opinions.

You **must** stop smoking or you'll die.

You really **should** stop smoking, you know. It's bad for you.

People **must** realise that the world is in serious trouble.

People **should** drive more carefully.

Ought is similar to should, but is followed by **to**.

People **ought to** drive more carefully.

Orders and instructions can be made more polite by using **should**.

Applications **should** be sent before 30 June.

## 1 Which do you think is better – **must** or **should**?

- 1 You know, I think you \_\_\_\_ take a holiday.
- 2 Tell Mark he \_\_\_\_ tidy his room at once.
- 3 Visitors are reminded that they \_\_\_\_ keep their bags with them.
- 4 I'm sorry, but you \_\_\_\_ go. We don't want you here.
- 5 I really \_\_\_\_ go on a diet. I'll start today!
- 6 I suppose I \_\_\_\_ write to Aunt Rachel one of these days.
- 7 You absolutely \_\_\_\_ check the tyres before you take the car out today.
- 8 All officers \_\_\_\_ report to the Commanding Officer by midday.
- 9 You \_\_\_\_ have your hair cut at least once a week.
- 10 I think men \_\_\_\_ wear jackets and ties in restaurants.



'For your first effort you should write about something you understand.  
 Don't try to write about yourself.'

**2 Complete some of these sentences with your own ideas.**

- 1 I think people should \_\_\_\_.
- 2 I don't think people should \_\_\_\_.
- 3 I think children should \_\_\_\_.
- 4 I don't think children should \_\_\_\_.
- 5 I really must \_\_\_\_.
- 6 People really must realise that \_\_\_\_.
- 7 My father/mother should \_\_\_\_.
- 8 My husband/wife really must \_\_\_\_.

We often use **should** in questions when we are wondering what to do.

*Should I change my job or stay where I am?*

**3 Write questions for people who don't know:**

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 how much cheese to buy.<br><i>How much cheese should I buy?</i> | 7 how to cook a crab.          |
| 2 whether to move to London.                                      | 8 whether to go to the police. |
| 3 what she should call her baby.                                  | 9 whether to take a taxi.      |
| 4 where to put his bicycle.                                       | 10 whether to take a holiday.  |
| 5 when to pay her tax bill.                                       | 11 how long to wait.           |
| 6 whether to invite his mother.                                   | 12 what to do at the weekend.  |

**4 Write some similar questions for yourself. Example:**

*Should I go on studying English?*



**'Should we walk upright? Should we continue to live in trees?  
Should we try to make things? Decisions, decisions!'**

# must and have (got) to: obligation

**Must** usually expresses the **feelings** and **wishes** of the **speaker/hearer**.  
**Have (got) to** often expresses **obligations** that come from **somewhere else**.  
Compare:

*I **must** stop smoking. (I want to.)*

*I've **got to** stop smoking – **doctor's** orders.*

***Must** you wear those dirty jeans? (Is that what **you** want?)*

*Do you **have to** wear a tie at work? (Is there a **rule**?)*

## 1 Put in **must** or **have/has (got) to**.

- 1 I'm tired. I \_\_\_\_ go to bed early.
- 2 John \_\_\_\_ go to school on Saturdays.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_ get another dog soon.
- 4 'This is a great book.' 'I \_\_\_\_ read it.'
- 5 A soldier \_\_\_\_ obey orders.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_ go to London for a meeting.
- 7 I think we \_\_\_\_ pay in advance.
- 8 You really \_\_\_\_ visit us soon.
- 9 I \_\_\_\_ try to spend more time at home.
- 10 You \_\_\_\_ go through Carlisle on the way to Glasgow.

## ▲ 2 Read this with a dictionary; see how **must** reflects the hearer's wishes.

(In a dream, Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard is talking to her two dead husbands, Mr Ogmore and Mr Pritchard.)

MRS O-P: Tell me your tasks in order.

MR O: I must put my pyjamas in the drawer marked pyjamas.

MR P: I must take my cold bath which is good for me.

MR O: I must wear my flannel band to ward off sciatica.

MR P: I must dress behind the curtain and put on my apron.

MR O: I must blow my nose in a piece of tissue-paper which I afterwards burn.

MR P: I must take my salts which are nature's friend.

MR O: I must boil the drinking water because of germs.

MR P: I must make my herb tea which is free from tannin.

MR O: I must dust the blinds and then I must raise them.

MRS O-P: And before you let the sun in, mind it wipes its shoes.

*Dylan Thomas: Under Milk Wood (adapted)*

Unlike **have to**, **must** has **no infinitive, participles or past tense**.

*When you leave school you'll **have to** find a job. (NOT ~~You'll must~~ ...)*

*I don't like **having to** cook every evening.*

*We've **had to** change our plans for the summer.*

*Joe **had to** go home yesterday. (NOT ~~Joe must/musted~~ ...)*

# must not, do not have to etc

We use **must not** in prohibitions (negative orders).

We use **do not have to**, **do not need to** or **need not** to say that something is unnecessary.

Students **must not** leave bicycles in front of the library.

Passengers **must not** speak to the driver.

Friday's a holiday – I **don't have to** work. (NOT ~~I mustn't work~~)

You **needn't** pay now – tomorrow's OK. (NOT ~~You mustn't pay now ...~~)

## 1 Complete the sentences, using **must not / mustn't** or **do not / don't have to**.

- 1 Campers \_\_\_\_ play music after 10 p.m.
- 2 Students \_\_\_\_ ask permission to stay out after midnight.
- 3 Bicycles \_\_\_\_ be parked in the front courtyard.
- 4 Residents \_\_\_\_ hang washing out of the windows.
- 5 British subjects \_\_\_\_ get visas to travel in Western Europe.
- 6 Passengers \_\_\_\_ lean out of the windows.
- 7 You \_\_\_\_ pay for your tickets now.
- 8 It's rained a lot, so we \_\_\_\_ water the garden.
- 9 You \_\_\_\_ disturb your sister while she's working.
- 10 You \_\_\_\_ knock before you come into my room.

## 2 Make sentences, using **must not** or **do not need to**.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
In rugby football	touch the ball with your hands.
In tennis	lift your stick above your shoulder.
In chess	hit your opponent below the belt.
In boxing	pass the ball forwards.
In athletics	look at other people's cards.
In hockey	touch a piece if you aren't going to move it.
In baseball	start before the gun.
In football	hit the ball before it bounces.
In bridge	hit the ball after its second bounce.
	throw the bat.

## can (ability): special problems

**Future:** We can use **can** if we are **deciding now** what to do in the future.  
In other cases, we have to use **will be able to**.

*I **can** see you tomorrow morning for half an hour.*

*One day we **will be able to** live without wars.*

*(NOT ~~One day we can live ...~~)*

**Conditional:** We can use **could** to mean 'would be able to'.

*You **could** get a better job if you spoke a foreign language.*

**1 Put in can or can't if possible; if not, use could or will be able to.**

- 1 I \_\_\_\_ pick it up tonight, if that's convenient.
- 2 I think I \_\_\_\_ speak English quite well in a few months.
- 3 'We need some more oil.' 'OK, I \_\_\_\_ let you have some this week.'
- 4 Dr Parker \_\_\_\_ see you at twelve on Tuesday.
- 5 She \_\_\_\_ walk again in a few weeks.
- 6 If we took the wheels off, we \_\_\_\_ get it through the back door.
- 7 Do you think one day people \_\_\_\_ travel to the stars?
- 8 This week's no good, but I \_\_\_\_ bring the car in next week.
- 9 If I practised a bit, I \_\_\_\_ be pretty good at tennis.
- 10 In a few years, computers \_\_\_\_ think better than we do.
- 11 She \_\_\_\_ give you a lesson this evening.
- 12 I'm free at the weekend, so the kids \_\_\_\_ come round.
- 13 I'll post your letter, but I don't think the postman \_\_\_\_ read the address.
- 14 I \_\_\_\_ do your job with no trouble at all.
- 15 We're busy this week, but we \_\_\_\_ repair it by next Thursday.

**Past:** We do **not** use **could** to say that we managed to do something on one occasion. Instead, we use, for example, **managed to** or **succeeded in ...ing**.

*I **managed to** get up early today. (NOT ~~I could get up early today.~~)*

*After six hours, we **succeeded in** getting to the top of the mountain.*

*(NOT ~~After six hours, we could get ...~~)*

**BUT:** *She **could** read when she was four. (Not one occasion.)*

*He **couldn't** find the ticket office. (He didn't manage it.)*

## 2 Complete the sentences with *could*, *couldn't* or *managed to*.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_ speak French really well when I lived in Paris.
- 2 He \_\_\_\_ repair the car, but it took him a long time.
- 3 At last I \_\_\_\_ make her understand what I wanted.
- 4 We wanted to go to the opera, but we \_\_\_\_ get tickets.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_ swim across the river, but it was harder than I expected.
- 6 All three children \_\_\_\_ ride as well as they \_\_\_\_ walk.
- 7 Fortunately, I \_\_\_\_ get her address from her office.
- 8 I don't know how the cat \_\_\_\_ get through the window, but it did.
- 9 He \_\_\_\_ already walk when he was ten months old.
- 10 After the accident, she somehow \_\_\_\_ walk home.

We often use *can* and *could* with *see*, *hear*, *feel*, *smell* and *taste*, with the same meaning as a progressive form.

*I can see Susan coming. (NOT I'm seeing- )*  
*What's in the soup? I can taste something funny.*  
*Through the window, I could hear a man singing.*

## 3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_ something burning. What do you think it is?
- 2 He opened his eyes, but to his horror he \_\_\_\_ nothing.
- 3 Through my study window I \_\_\_\_ mountains.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_ Susan practising the piano next door: it sounds nice.
- 5 This isn't my coffee – I \_\_\_\_ sugar in it.
- 6 He thought he \_\_\_\_ something crawling up his leg, but when he looked he \_\_\_\_ anything.
- 7 Spring is coming: you \_\_\_\_ snowdrops in all the gardens.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_ the cats fighting in the kitchen: can you go and put them out?

- 4 Look around you, and write five sentences beginning *I can see ...*  
 Listen to the noises around you, and write five sentences beginning *I can hear ...*



'I can see why they made February the shortest month of the year.'

## can, could, may: permission etc

We use **can** to ask for and give permission, and **cannot/can't** to refuse it.

*'Can I ask you a question?' 'Yes, of course you can.'*

*I'm sorry, you can't come in here.*

We also use **could** to ask for permission; it is more polite.

*Could I have a look at your newspaper?*

**May** is used in the same way. It is more formal and less common.

*May I help you, sir?*

We use **can** and **could** (but not usually **may**) to talk about what is normally allowed.

*Can you park in this street on Sundays? (NOT ~~May~~ you park ...?)*

### 1 Rewrite these sentences using **can**, **could** or **may**.

- 1 I'd like to talk to you for a minute. Bill. (*friendly*)  
*Can I talk to you for a minute. Bill?*
- 2 I would like to use your phone. (*more polite*)
- 3 I would like to stop work early today. (*formal*)
- 4 Take my bike if you want to.
- 5 Are children allowed to go into pubs?
- 6 I don't want you to come into my room.
- 7 I would like to speak to Jane, if she's there. (*polite*)
- 8 I would like to have a beer. (*friendly*)
- 9 Are students allowed to use this library?
- 10 I would like to pay you tomorrow. (*polite*)



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*'Dad, can I borrow the gun tonight?'*



**We use *can* in offers, requests and instructions.**

*Can I carry your bag?*

*I can baby-sit for you this evening if you like.*

*Can you put the children to bed?*

*When you've finished the beds you can clean up the kitchen.*

**Could sounds less definite:** it is common in suggestions and requests.

*I could do some shopping for you, if that would help.*

*I'm bored. 'You could go for a hike ride.'*

*Could you help me for a few minutes?*

**Common structures in polite requests:**

*Could you possibly help me?*

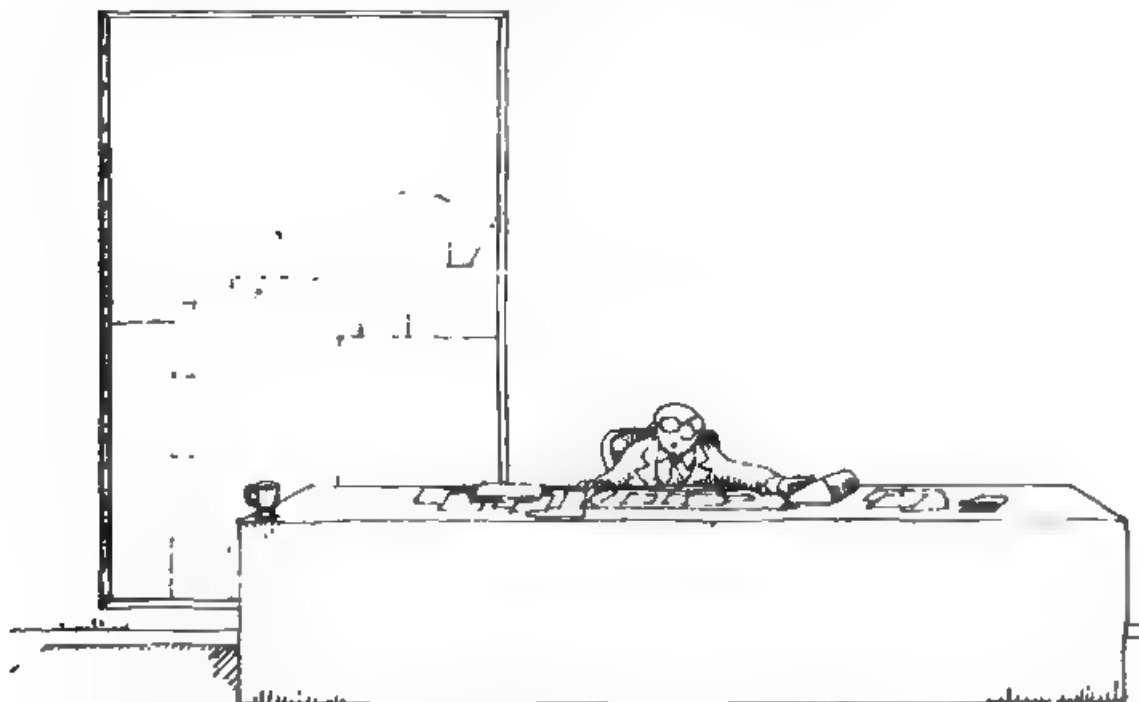
*I wonder if you could help me?*

**2 Rewrite these sentences, beginning with *I can ...*, *Can I ...*?**

*You can ..., Can you ...? Could you ...? or I wonder if you could ...?*

- 1 Would you like me to take your coat?
- 2 Start cooking supper now, please.
- 3 I'd be glad if you would translate this for me. (*friendly*)
- 4 I'd be glad if you would translate this for me. (*polite*)
- 5 Why not watch a video if you don't know what to do?
- 6 Why don't you spend the day with us if you're free on Saturday?
- 7 I don't mind feeding the horses, if you'd like me to.
- 8 I'd be glad if you would lend me £5. (*polite*)
- 9 Tell me when it's time to go. (*friendly*)
- 10 I'd be grateful if you would tell me when it's time to go. (*polite*)

**3 Put the words of the caption in the right order.**



'Ellis, here my and come could pass coffee me in you Miss ?'

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## will: willingness etc

**Will** can express **willingness** and **intentions**.

We often use **will** to **announce a decision at the moment when we make it**.

*I really **will** give up smoking tomorrow!*

*We'll buy the tickets if you'll make supper after the show.*

*There's the doorbell. I'll go. (NOT I-go.)*

**I'll have ...** is often used when people order in cafés, restaurants etc.

*I'll have a black coffee, please.*

**Will you ...?** can introduce **instructions, orders and requests**. **Would you ...?** is softer, and can be used to make requests more polite.

*Will you get me a paper while you're out?*

*Will you be quiet, please?*

*Would you watch the children for a few minutes?*

**Won't** can be used to talk about **refusals**.

*He **won't** talk to anybody.*

*The car **won't** start.*

### 1 Put the beginnings and ends together. Example:

*I'll drive if you'll map-read.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I'll drive	I will.
I'll wash up	I'll answer it.
I'm tired. I think	I'll go to bed now.
If you see Ann,	if you'll dry.
She won't tell us	if you'll map-read.
The cat	in the oven at 5.30?
The phone's ringing.	shouting?
This video	to this address, please?
Who's going to get the tickets?	what's wrong.
Will you deliver the furniture	when you're ready to leave?
Will you let me know	won't eat.
Will you stop	won't play.
Would you put the meat	would you tell her I got her letter?

We can use **will** to make **threats** and **promises**. The simple present is not possible in this case.

*I'll hit you if you do that again. (NOT ~~I hit you if ...~~)*

*You'll get your money tomorrow. (NOT ~~You get ...~~)*

*I promise I'll stop smoking. (NOT ~~I promise I stop smoking.~~)*

- 2 A boy left home for the first time to go to university. Look at the pictures, and write the promises he made to his parents. Begin: *I promise I'll ... or I promise I won't ...*



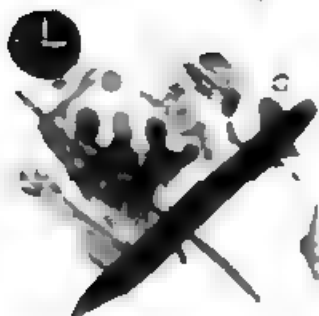
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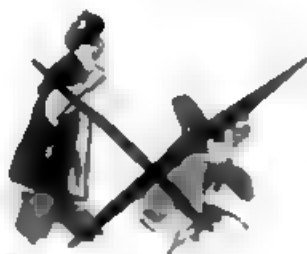
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# will and would: typical behaviour

We can use **will** to talk about **habits** and **typical behaviour**.

*She'll sit talking to herself for hours.*

*If something breaks down and you kick it, it **will** often start working again.*

If we stress **will** it can sound critical.

*She **will** fall in love with the wrong people.*

**Would** is used to talk about the past.

*On Saturdays, when I was a child, we **would** all get up early and go fishing.*

*He was a nice boy, but he **would** talk about himself all the time.*

## 1 Complete the sentences with **will/would** + verbs from the box.

be	drive	fall	keep	listen	make	play	ring
take	talk	tell					

- 'Dad, I've broken my watch.' 'Well, you \_\_\_\_ playing with it.'
- On Sundays when we were kids, Mother \_\_\_\_ us pancakes for breakfast.
- He's no trouble – he \_\_\_\_ by himself for hours.
- She's nice, but she \_\_\_\_ about people behind their backs.
- People \_\_\_\_ to you if you listen to them.
- We lived by a lake, and sometimes Dad \_\_\_\_ us fishing.
- I'm not surprised you had an accident – you \_\_\_\_ too fast.
- If you drop toast, it \_\_\_\_ butter side down every time.
- If you're having a bath, the phone \_\_\_\_\_. And if you answer it, it \_\_\_\_\_ a wrong number.
- He \_\_\_\_ you one thing one minute and the opposite the next – he's crazy.

## 2 Here are some laws of nature. Join the beginnings and the ends.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
After you have bought something,	it will.
If anything can go wrong,	somebody will.
If there are two good TV shows,	they will both be on at the same time.
If you explain so clearly that nobody can misunderstand,	will always move faster.
If you throw something away,	will fall asleep first.
No matter how much you do,	you will find it somewhere else cheaper.
The one who snores	you'll need it the next day.
The other queue	you'll never do enough.

## shall in questions

***Shall I/we ...?* can be used to ask for instructions and decisions, and to make offers and suggestions.**

*What on earth shall we do?*

*Shall I carry your bag?*

*What time shall we come and see you?*

*Shall we go out for a meal?*

**1 Can you complete the sentences? (They are from a discussion about holiday plans.) Use *shall we*?**

1 where? *Where shall we go?*

2 seaside/mountains?

*Shall we go to the seaside  
or the mountains?*

3 this country/abroad?

4 when?

5 how long for?

6 fly/train/drive?

7 hotel/camp?

8 stay in one place / travel around?

9 take Granny?

10 go with the Jacksons?

11 what do with dogs?

**2 Write three questions asking for advice for yourself. If you can work with other students, ask them your questions and get their advice.**

*What shall I say*

*when our neighbours*

*want us to come to tea?*

*They don't know you're not with me.*

*What shall I say?*

*What shall I say*

*when the phone rings*

*and someone asks for you?*

*They don't know I ask for you too.*

*What shall I say?*

*How can I hide the tears inside?*

*How can I face the crowd?*

*I can make lips of mine be still,*

*but my heart sighs too loud.*

*I could explain that*

*you're gone for only a week to shop.*

*But after the week is up*

*What shall I say?*

Peter Tinturin

# should have, could have etc

We can use **should have, could have etc + past participle** to talk about 'unreal' past situations that are the opposite of what really happened.

*You **should have been** here an hour ago. (But you weren't.)*  
*Alice **should never have bought** that car. (But she did.)*  
*I was so angry I **could have killed** her. (But I didn't.)*  
*She **could have married** anybody she wanted to. (But she didn't.)*  
*Jumping out of the window like that – he **could/might have broken** his leg.*  
*If I'd known you were coming, I **would have stayed** in.*

We can use this structure to criticise people for not doing things.

*You **could have helped** me! (Why didn't you?)*  
*You **might have let** me know you weren't coming – I stayed in all evening.*

**1 Complete the sentences with *should have ...*, *could have ...*, *might have ...* or *would have ...*. More than one answer may be possible.**

- 1 He \_\_\_\_ me last week. (*pay*)  
*He should have paid me last week.*
- 2 You \_\_\_\_ somebody, driving like that. (*kill*)
- 3 I \_\_\_\_ you, but I didn't have your number. (*phone*)
- 4 If my parents hadn't been so poor, I \_\_\_\_ to university. (*go*)
- 5 It's his fault she left him; he \_\_\_\_ nicer to her. (*be*)
- 6 I \_\_\_\_ more garlic in the soup. (*put*)
- 7 If you needed money, you \_\_\_\_ me. (*ask*)
- 8 'We got lost in the mountains.' 'You fools – you \_\_\_\_ a map.' (*take*)
- 9 It's a good thing they got her to hospital in time. She \_\_\_\_\_. (*die*)
- 10 When he said that to me I \_\_\_\_ him. (*hit*)
- 11 You \_\_\_\_ me you were bringing your friends to supper! (*tell*)
- 12 You \_\_\_\_ my jeans after you borrowed them. (*wash*)

This structure can also be used to talk about **things that are not certain to have happened**, or that we **suppose** (but don't know definitely) have happened. *May have ...* is common in these senses.

*I **may have left** my keys here this morning – have you seen them?*  
*He **should have arrived** home by now. Let's phone him.*  
*So you went to Australia. That **must have been** nice.*  
*Where is she? She **can't have gone** out – the door's locked.*

**2 Complete the sentences with *may have ...*, *should have ...*, *must have ...* or *can't have ...*. More than one answer may be possible.**

- 1 'Where's Phil?' 'I don't know. He \_\_\_\_ home.' (*go*)
- 2 'How are the builders getting on?' 'They \_\_\_\_ by now. I'll go and see.' (*finish*)
- 3 'Ann isn't here.' 'Surely she \_\_\_\_ - I reminded her yesterday.' (*forget*)
- 4 The garden's all wet. It \_\_\_\_ in the night. (*rain*)
- 5 'We went to Dublin for the weekend.' 'That \_\_\_\_ a nice change.' (*be*)
- 6 'Who phoned?' 'She didn't give her name. It \_\_\_\_ Lucy.' (*be*)
- 7 He \_\_\_\_ all his money. I gave him £10 only yesterday! (*spend*)
- 8 I \_\_\_\_ a new job. I'll know for certain tomorrow. (*find*)
- 9 The car's got a big dent in the side. Bernie \_\_\_\_ an accident. (*have*)
- 10 They're not at home. They \_\_\_\_ away for the weekend. (*go*)

**Note the differences between *may not have ...* and *can't have ...*, and between *had to ...* and *must have ...***

*They may not have arrived yet.* (= Perhaps they haven't arrived.)

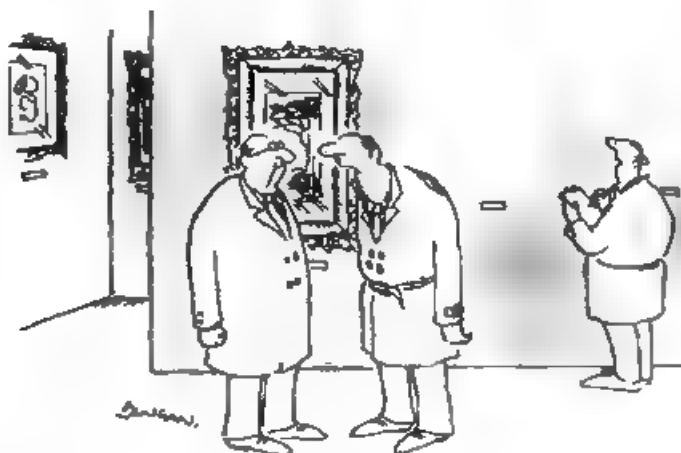
*They can't have arrived yet.* (= They certainly haven't arrived.)

*Joe had to go home.* (= It was necessary for him to go home.)

*Joe must have gone home.* (= It seems certain that he has gone home.)

**3 Put in *may not have ...*, *can't have ...*, *had to ...* or *must have ...***

- 1 Shakespeare \_\_\_\_ been to Australia because it hadn't been discovered.
- 2 King Arthur \_\_\_\_ existed - nobody's sure.
- 3 Castles in the Middle Ages \_\_\_\_ been cold places.
- 4 People in those days \_\_\_\_ get their water from wells and streams.
- 5 Poor people five hundred years ago \_\_\_\_ had easy lives.
- 6 But they \_\_\_\_ been unhappier than us.



**'All the exits have been sealed off. He must have got out through the entrance.'**

For *will have ...* (future perfect tense), see page 139.

For *would have ...*, see page 262.

## revision of modal verbs

### 1 Correct the mistakes.

- 1 I don't can sing.
- 2 I would like to can travel more.
- 3 He should to work harder.
- 4 Could you telling me the time?
- 5 I must work last Saturday and Sunday.

### 2 Choose the best form. (Sometimes both may be possible.)

- 1 We \_\_\_\_ win, but I don't think there's much chance. (*may, might*)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_ ask you to help me later. (*may, might*)
- 3 That \_\_\_\_ be her daughter – they're nearly the same age. (*can't, mustn't*)
- 4 We \_\_\_\_ decide to go camping again at Easter. (*can, may*)
- 5 There \_\_\_\_ be enough room for everybody on the bus – we'll have to wait and see. (*may not, can't*)
- 6 You \_\_\_\_ get in without a ticket – not a chance. (*may not, can't*)
- 7 You absolutely \_\_\_\_ go and see Liz. (*should, must*)
- 8 I think you \_\_\_\_ try to relax more. (*should, must*)
- 9 You \_\_\_\_ pass a special exam to be a teacher. (*must, have to*)
- 10 In this country, boys \_\_\_\_ do military service. (*must not, don't have to*)
- 11 I \_\_\_\_ see you at eight tomorrow. (*can, will be able to*)
- 12 One day, everybody \_\_\_\_ say what they like. (*can, will be able to*)
- 13 It took a long time, but I \_\_\_\_ repair the car. (*could, managed to*)
- 14 When I was younger I \_\_\_\_ sing quite well. (*could, was able to*)
- 15 At what age \_\_\_\_ you get a driving licence? (*can, may*)
- 16 I promise I \_\_\_\_ smoking. (*stop, will stop*)
- 17 I don't know why she's not here. She \_\_\_\_ have got my message. (*may not, can't*)
- 18 He's not answering the phone. He \_\_\_\_ have got home yet. (*may not, can't*)
- 19 When I was eighteen we \_\_\_\_ two years in the army. (*had to do, must have done*)
- 20 She \_\_\_\_ very quietly – I didn't hear her go. (*had to leave, must have left*)

### 3 Write sentences about three things that you should have done last week but didn't, and three things that you shouldn't have done but did.



#### 4 Complete the cartoon captions with expressions from the box.

he might be	it may not be	can this be	it can be
you could	I'll		



'\_\_\_\_\_ the same man who pulled Excalibur out of a stone?'



'Yeah, they're all right, \_\_\_\_\_ take them.'



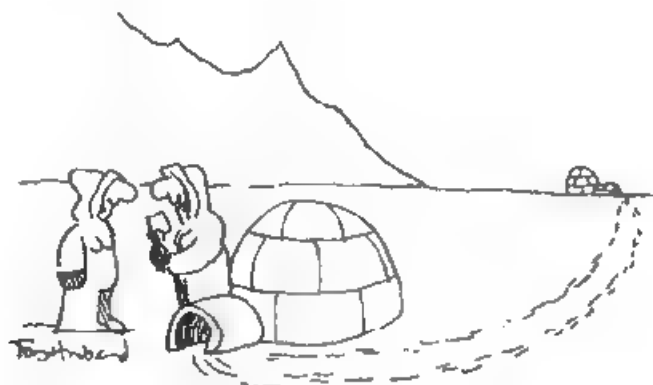
'Oh my God! His report says \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister one day!'



'Provided you eat sensibly, stay off the beer, cigarettes and whisky, don't take any strenuous exercise and keep away from women, \_\_\_\_\_ live for another twenty minutes.'



'Frankly, Wallace, I think you'd better stop telling it. If no one laughs, \_\_\_\_\_ a joke.'



'It's a Valentine's card. I wonder who \_\_\_\_\_ from!'

# need

**Need** can sometimes be used like a **modal verb**, (questions and negatives without *do*), especially to say what is (not) **necessary at the time of speaking**.

*Do I need to pay now?* OR *Need I pay now?*

*He doesn't need to go.* OR *He needn't go.*

## 1 Complete these sentences with *needn't*, using a verb from the box.

come	get	laugh	phone	ring	take	think	try
worry	write						

- 1 You \_\_\_\_ – my haircut's not as funny as all that.
- 2 You \_\_\_\_ up yet, because there's no school today.
- 3 He \_\_\_\_ everything down. Just the name and phone number will do.
- 4 She \_\_\_\_ and see me if she doesn't want to; I don't mind.
- 5 You \_\_\_\_ about me. I'm fine.
- 6 You \_\_\_\_ I care about you, because I don't.
- 7 Tell him he \_\_\_\_ the bell; he can just walk straight in.
- 8 I'd like to see her today, but it \_\_\_\_ very long.
- 9 Just come when you like, any time. You \_\_\_\_ first.
- 10 You \_\_\_\_ to explain. I'm not interested.

## Compare *didn't need to ...* and *needn't have ...*

*We **didn't need to hurry**; we had lots of time.*

*(It was unnecessary to hurry.)*

*We **needn't have hurried** – we got there much too early.*

*(It was unnecessary to hurry, but we did.)*

## 2 Complete the sentences with *didn't need to ...* or *needn't have ...*

- 1 I \_\_\_\_ the flowers; I could see that Anne had already done it. (*water*)
- 2 You \_\_\_\_ supper for me; I've already had something to eat. (*cook*)
- 3 I \_\_\_\_ all that work, because nobody appreciated it. (*do*)
- 4 We \_\_\_\_ the encyclopaedia; the kids never look at it. (*buy*)
- 5 We had enough petrol, so I \_\_\_\_\_. (*fill up*)
- 6 I \_\_\_\_ so much about Granny. When I got there she was fine. (*worry*)
- 7 Luckily we had plenty of food, so I \_\_\_\_ shopping. (*go*)
- 8 I \_\_\_\_ long; she arrived just after me. (*wait*)
- 9 I \_\_\_\_ Latin at school; it hasn't been any use to me since. (*study*)

# had better

**Had better (not)** is followed by an infinitive without *to*.

We use **had better** to give strong advice to people (including ourselves).

**Had better** is not past or comparative – the meaning is 'It would be good to ...'

*You'd better turn that music down before your Dad gets angry.*

*It's seven o'clock. I'd better put the meat in the oven.*

*You'd better not say that again.*

**Had better** refers to the immediate future. It is more urgent than *should* or *ought*.

*'I ought to go and see Fred one of these days.' 'Well, you'd better do it soon.'*

*He's leaving for South Africa next month.'*

## 1 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box, using 'd better.

do	not forget	get	give	have	invite	not let
open	start	not tell				

- The plane's at six o'clock. You \_\_\_\_ packing, hadn't you?
- I suppose I \_\_\_\_ up and put some clothes on.
- You \_\_\_\_ the door and see who it is.
- Tell Sheila she \_\_\_\_ my birthday this time!
- We \_\_\_\_ Pat her camera back, hadn't we? She might need it.
- We \_\_\_\_ John round soon; we owe him a meal.
- I \_\_\_\_ some washing, or we won't have anything to wear.
- You \_\_\_\_ Jane what's happening; she'll get too upset if you do.
- You don't look well. You \_\_\_\_ some whisky and honey.
- You \_\_\_\_ your father see that magazine – he'll kill you.

## 2 What advice might you give to a friend who:

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 feels very ill?            | 7 is going to work in China and Japan? |
| 2 is very tired?             | 8 can't sleep?                         |
| 3 feels cold?                | 9 has got an exam next week?           |
| 4 feels tense?               | 10 smokes too much?                    |
| 5 has been working too hard? | 11 thinks she saw burglars breaking    |
| 6 seems very unhappy?        | into the house next door?              |

**Had better** is quite direct; it is not used in polite requests. Compare:

*Could you help me if you've got time? (NOT ~~You'd better help me ...~~)*

*You'd better help me or there'll be trouble.*

# used to ... (/ˈjuːst tə/)

We use **used + infinitive** to talk about past habits and long-lasting situations which are now finished or different.

*I **used to smoke** like a chimney.      She **used to live** in Liverpool.*

*Used to ... is only past. For present habits, we use the simple present tense.*

*My sister **smokes** occasionally. (NOT ~~My sister uses to smoke~~ ...)*

*In an informal style, questions and negatives are generally made with do.*

***Did you use** to collect stamps?      I **didn't use** to like her.*

*I **used not** to like her. (More formal.)*

## 1 Complete the text with words from the box, using **used to ...**

buy	go	have	keep	look after	look at	live
play	stand	take				

Recently we took our 15-year-old son Joe to the place in Paris where we 1 when he was a baby. We showed him the house, with the balcony where he 2 and make speeches to imaginary crowds. Then we went inside, and believe it or not, there was Mme Duchène, who 3 Joe when we were working. She didn't look a day older. We couldn't get into the flat, but we saw the garden where Joe 4. Then we visited the park where we 5 him for walks, the zoo where he 6 the lions and tigers, and the lake where we 7 boating. Not much had changed in the area, most of the shops were still there, including the wonderful old grocer's where we 8 delicacies like cherries in brandy. But the friendly butcher who 9 the best pieces of meat for us was gone, and so was the restaurant with the bad-tempered old waitress where we 10 Sunday lunch. I found it strange to go back: it made me feel happy and sad at the same time. But Joe was delighted with the trip.

## 2 Make sentences with **used to** and **didn't use to** about how people lived hundreds of years ago.

- 1 travel / horse
- 2 cook / wood fires
- 3 live so long
- 4 fight / spears
- 5 hunt / bows and arrows
- 6 believe / ghosts and devils
- 7 be able / vote
- 8 think / earth was flat
- 9 bigger families
- 10 children / work

## 3 Write some sentences about things that you used to or didn't use to do/think/believe when you were younger. If you can work with other students, find out what they used to do/think/believe.

# supposed to (/sə'pəʊst tə/)

**Be supposed + infinitive** can be used to talk about what is **generally believed**.

*He's supposed to be rich. This stuff is supposed to kill flies.*

Another meaning is: what people are expected to do, or what is intended.

*You're supposed to start work at 8.30 in the mornings.*

*She was supposed to be here an hour ago. Where is she?*

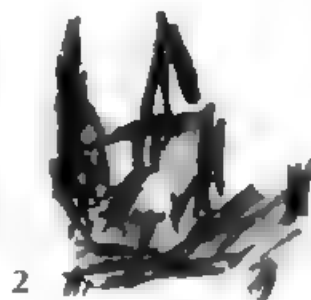
*You're not supposed to park on double yellow lines.*

*That's a strange picture. What's it supposed to be?*

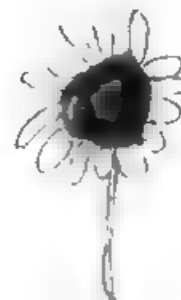
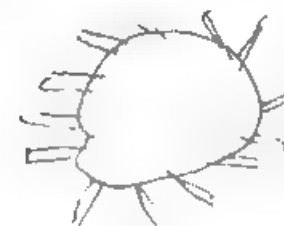
## 1 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Aspirins are supposed	at the cash desk on the way out.
Catholics are supposed	but I can't find them.
You were supposed	in food shops.
It's supposed to have instructions with it.	supposed to come today?
Wasn't my computer magazine	the shower with shoes on.
What am I supposed to do	to cure headaches.
You're not supposed to go into	to go to church on Sundays.
You're not supposed to smoke	to come and see me yesterday.
You're supposed to be good at geography	with all this chicken salad?
I think you're supposed to pay	where the hell are we?

## 2 What do you think these are supposed to be?



*It's supposed to be a house*



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## future: will (and shall)

**I will (or shall) work**  
**you will work**  
**he/she/it will work**  
**we will (or shall) work**  
**they will work**

**Questions: will/shall I work? etc**  
**Negative: I will/shall not work etc**

**Contractions: I'll, you'll etc; won't /wəʊnt/, shan't /ʃɑːnt/**

*I/we will* and *I/we shall* are used with no difference of meaning in most situations in modern British English. (But see page 121.) *Will* is more common than *shall*.

We use **will/shall** to give or ask for information about the future, in cases where there is no reason to use a present verb-form (see pages 132–136).

*We **will** need the money on the 15th.*  
***Will** all the family be at the wedding?*  
*It **will** be spring soon.*  
*She'**ll** be here in a few minutes.*

We often use **will/shall** to predict the future – to say what we **think, guess or calculate** will happen.

*Tomorrow **will** be warm, with some cloud in the afternoon.*  
*Who do you think **will** win?*  
*You'**ll** never finish that book.*

### 1 Here are some sentences taken from recorded conversations. Can you put the beginnings and ends together?

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Buy the cat food here.	about you.
Don't give her your keys.	and then your kids will laugh at you.
Get John to have a look at the TV.	He'll fix it.
'He'll grow up one day.'	he'll be dead in five years.
He'll need somebody	he'll drink it.
'How's June?'	he'll get hit on the nose with a ball.
I must get back to work,	'I hope you're right.'
If he doesn't stop drinking.	It'll be cheaper.
If we give her a shout,	on May 12th.
If you put lemon in it,	otherwise I'll get the sack.
Knowing his luck, if he plays golf	'She'll be OK.'
No good sending her a bill, is it?	She'll just refuse to pay.
One day you'll be old,	She'll only lose them.
She'll be fourteen	she'll come and help.
She'll forget	to help him.

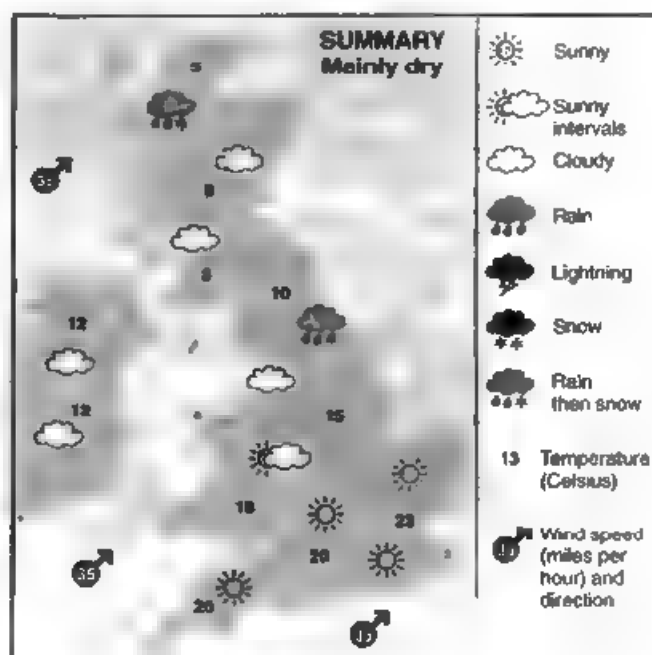
## 2 Complete the sentences with your own predictions.

- 1 It will *will not rain* next week. (*rain*)
- 2 England will *will not win* the next football World Cup. (*win*)
- 3 The weather *will be* much warmer in the next few years. (*get*)
- 4 There *will be* a world government before the year 2050. (*be*)
- 5 There *will be* a world war before the year 2050. (*be*)
- 6 Private cars *will disappear* before the year 2100. (*disappear*)
- 7 English *will be* the world language in the year 2100. (*be*)
- 8 Everybody / Not everybody *will have* a computer in the year 2100. (*have*)
- 9 Everybody / Not everybody *will have* enough to eat in the year 2100. (*have*)
- 10 Clothes *will be* very different in the year 2100. (*be*)
- 11 In the year 2100, people *will eat* the same things as they do now. (*eat*)
- 12 (*Write your own prediction.*)

## 3 Look at the map and complete the weather forecast. Use some of the words in the box.

be	cold	dry	earthquakes
east	hurricanes	ice	
lightning	north	rain	
snow	south	thunder	
warm	west	wet	will
will be	winds		

Tomorrow will *be* mainly *dry*, but there *will be* some *rain* in the north. There *will be* strong *winds* from the south-west later in the day. It will be quite *warm* in the south, but Scotland *will be* cold, and in the *west* of Scotland the rain *will turn to* *snow* during the afternoon.



# future: going to

We often use **present verb-forms** to talk about the **future**. For example, we say that something **is going to happen**. This is common when we talk about **plans, decisions and firm intentions**, especially in an informal style.

*We're going to get a new car soon.*

*When are you going to get your hair cut?*

*I'm going to keep asking her out until she says 'Yes'.*

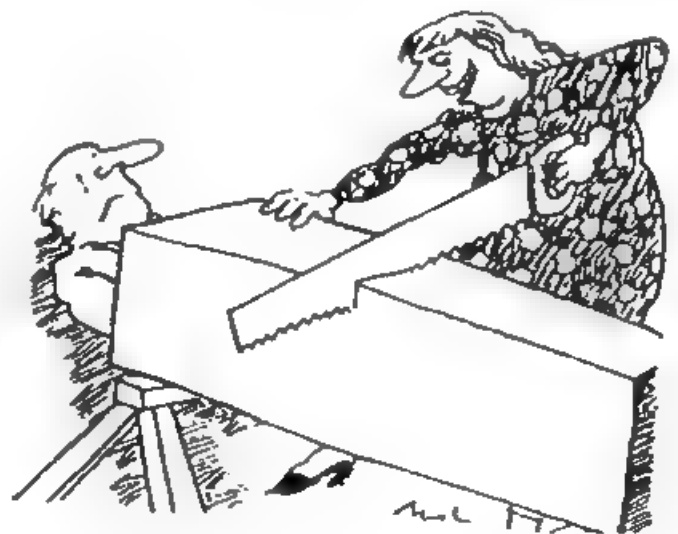
**1** Here are some of the plans of various members of a family. Can you put the sentences together, using *going to*? Example:

*Jane is going to study music in Vienna.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Jane / study	a professional pianist.
She / try to become	a year learning German.
But first, she / spend	as a pilot.
Max / do maths and science	decorate the house.
Then he / train	for his final exams.
Jennifer's eight, and she doesn't know	music in Vienna.
One day she says	she / be a dancer.
And the next she says she /	the summer learning to fly.
This summer, Jane /	start her own business.
Max / spend	stay with her aunt in
Their parents / spend	America.
Then they /	two weeks walking in
	Scotland.
	what she / do.



'Right, children, there are going to be a few changes this term.'



'This is going to put the magic back into our marriage.'



**Going to** is common when we predict the future by using **present evidence** – when we can see that a future event is on the way, or starting to happen.

*Look – it's **going to** rain.      Look out – we're **going to** crash!*

## 2 What is going to happen?



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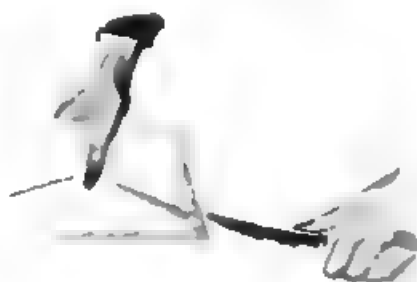
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# future: present progressive

The **present progressive** is common when we talk about future **personal arrangements** and **fixed plans**; we often give the **time, date, and/or place**.

'What **are you doing** this evening?' 'I'm **washing** my hair.'

My car's **having** a service next week.

We're **going** to Spain in June.

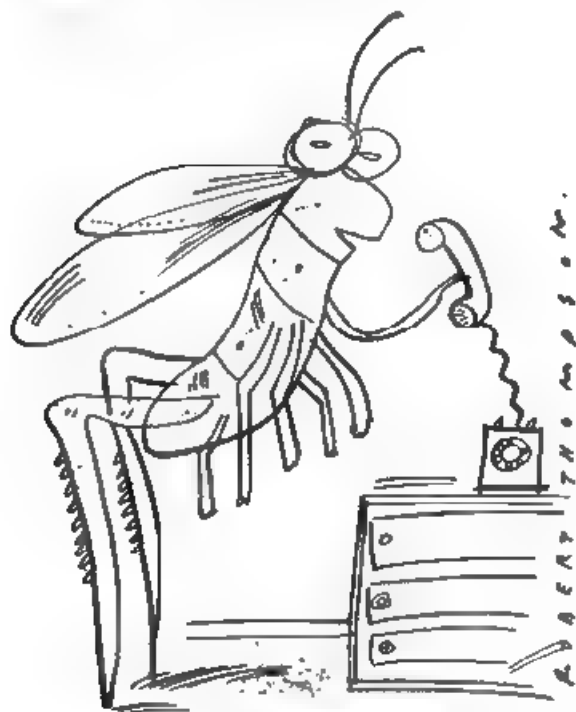
Did you know I'm **getting** a new job?

What **are** we **having** for dinner?

## 1 Look at the diary and correct the sentences.

- 1 She's playing tennis on Sunday afternoon.
- 2 She's having lunch with James at 12.30 on Tuesday
- 3 She's flying to Rotterdam on Thursday.
- 4 She's meeting Mrs Parsons in the London office.
- 5 She's driving to the meeting with Mrs Parsons.
- 6 She's going to a funeral on Wednesday afternoon.
- 7 She's meeting the accountants at 12.00 on Monday.
- 8 She's going to the theatre on Saturday evening.
- 9 She's spending Friday at the races.
- 10 Matthew is coming to see her on Sunday morning.

## 2 Write some sentences about your plans for the coming week. If you can work with other students, find out about their plans.



'Hi, it's me. Listen. It's David's birthday, so a few million of us are going out for a meal. Are you interested?'

## AUGUST

WEEK 34

22 Sunday

Tennis with Barbara 10am

Matthew afternoon

23 Monday

10.15 Mrs Parsons

Oxford office (9.00 train)

Accountants 4.00 pm

24 Tuesday

25 Wednesday

George's funeral 9.00

Lunch James 12.30

26 Thursday

To Amsterdam KLM 147, 8.00

Back 18.50 KLM 156

27 Friday

Theatre Royal with Polly

28 Saturday

**RACES**

# future: comparison of structures

We can often use more than one structure to talk about the same future event. **Present forms** emphasise present ideas like **intention**, **certainty** and **plans**. We prefer **will/shall** when we are **not** emphasising **present ideas**. Compare:

*Next year **is going to be** different – I promise. (present intention)*

*Next year **will** probably be different.*

*What **are you doing** next year? You haven't told me your plans.*

*What **will** you **do** next year – do you know?*

We prefer **present forms** when we are talking about **future events** that have some **present reality**. Compare:

*I'm **seeing** Pete on Tuesday. (There is an arrangement now.)*

*I wonder if he'll **recognise** me. (No present idea.)*

In **predictions**, we prefer **present forms** when there is **outside evidence** for what will happen – when we can see something coming.

We prefer **will** when we are talking more about what is **inside our heads**: our beliefs, guesses, knowledge etc.

*Look out – we're **going to** crash! (I can see it coming.)*

*Don't lend him your car – he'll **crash** it. (I know him.)*

## ▲ 1 Which form do you feel is best?

- 1 Here's the builder's estimate. It (*will cost / is going to cost*) £7,000 to repair the roof.
- 2 I think it (*will cost / is going to cost*) about £3,000 to rebuild the garage.
- 3 Alice (*will have / is going to have*) a baby.
- 4 With a bit of luck, the baby (*will have / is going to have*) Alice's eyes.
- 5 (*I will play / I'm playing*) tennis with Stan on Sunday.
- 6 (*He'll win. / He's winning.*) He always does.
- 7 Don't tell her. (*She'll tell / She's going to tell*) everybody else.
- 8 What's happening? The train (*won't stop / isn't going to stop*)!
- 9 One day everybody (*will have / is going to have*) proper housing.
- 10 (*She'll get married / She's getting married*) on Friday at the local church.
- 11 (*It will rain / It's going to rain*) – look at those clouds.
- 12 If it gets any colder, (*it will snow / it's going to snow*).



'Separate futures, please.'

# future: simple present

We sometimes use the **simple present** to talk about the future. This happens mostly when we talk about **timetables**, routines and schedules.

Next term **starts** on 6 April.

My train **leaves** at 3.17.

What time **does** the bus **arrive** in York?

**Do** you **have** classes next Saturday?

The simple present can also be used to give and ask for instructions.

When you get to the office you **go up** to the first floor, you **knock** on the first door on the right and you **ask** for Mrs Alstone. OK?

What **do** we **do** now?

Where **do** I pay?

In other cases we **don't** use the **simple present** in main clauses to talk about the future. (For subordinate clauses after conjunctions, see page 244.)

Lucy's **coming** for a drink this evening. (NOT ~~Lucy comes~~ ...)

I'll **phone** you – I promise. (NOT ~~I phone~~ you ...)

There's the doorbell. I'll **go**. (NOT ... ~~I go~~.)

## 1 Choose the best tense.

- 1 When (*does / will*) school start?
- 2 The plane (*arrives / will arrive*) at 10.00.
- 3 I (*write / will write*) soon.
- 4 We (*go / are going*) to Spain some time soon.
- 5 You (*go / will go*) next door for the tickets.
- 6 I (*stop / will stop*) smoking after Christmas.
- 7 How (*do / will*) I switch this on?
- 8 The exams (*are / will be*) in June.
- 9 I (*have / will have*) a lecture at 9.00 tomorrow.
- 10 The train (*won't / doesn't*) stop at Oxford.
- 11 I (*come / will come*) round after 7.00.
- 12 Where (*do / will*) I go for my interview?
- 13 I (*play / am playing*) football tomorrow.
- 14 What time (*does / will*) the concert end?
- 15 I (*post / will post*) your letters.



'– And please hurry. My credit card expires at midnight.'

# future: tenses after **if** and **when**

After **if** and **when**, we normally use **present tenses** to talk about the future.

*If I'm there tomorrow, I'll phone you.*

*When it's ready I'll give it to you.*

## 1 Put in **if** or **when** with the present tense of a verb from the box.

be	come	not find	grow up	pass	rain	say
not want						

- What are you going to be \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_?
- We won't play \_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_.
- I'll try again \_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_ older.
- I'll be surprised \_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_ the exam.
- \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ your keys, you can use mine.
- I'll hit you \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ that again.
- Pete will take the job \_\_\_\_ Ann \_\_\_\_ it.
- We'll all be happy \_\_\_\_ the weekend \_\_\_\_.



**If** and **when** can be followed by **will** in indirect and direct questions.

*I don't know if I'll be there.*

*They haven't said when it'll be ready.*

*When will I see you again?*

We can also use **will** after **if** in polite requests.

*If you will just come this way ...*

And we use **if ... will** to say 'if this will happen as a result'.

*All right. I'll give up smoking if it will make you happy.*

*We can come tomorrow evening if it won't upset your plans.*

## ▲ 2 Put in the correct verb form (present tense or **will** ...).

- If you \_\_\_\_ there first, keep a seat for me. (*get*)
- I'll see you again when I \_\_\_\_ next in London. (*be*)
- I don't know when I \_\_\_\_ a job. (*find*)
- Give her some more chocolate if it \_\_\_\_ her quiet. (*keep*)
- I'll open the window when it \_\_\_\_ raining. (*stop*)
- You can borrow my coat if you \_\_\_\_ it back. (*bring*)
- If you \_\_\_\_ a seat, I'll see if the doctor's free. (*take*)
- All right. I'll apologise if it \_\_\_\_ you feel better. (*make*)
- Can you tell me when Mr Ellis \_\_\_\_ here next? (*be*)
- Come back again soon if you \_\_\_\_ a chance. (*get*)

# future progressive

✓	I <b>will be working</b> etc
?	<b>will you be working?</b> etc
X	she <b>will not be working</b> etc

We can use the **future progressive** to say that something **will be going on at a certain time in the future**.

*This time tomorrow I'll **be skiing**.*

*Good luck with the exam. We'll **be thinking** of you.*

The future progressive is also used for planned or expected future events.

*Professor Asher **will be giving** another lecture at the same time next week.*

*I'll **be seeing** you one of these days, I expect.*

In polite enquiries the future progressive suggests 'What have you already decided?'. giving the idea that we are not trying to influence people. Compare:

***Will you be staying** in this evening?* (just asking about plans)

***Are you going to stay** in this evening?* (perhaps pressing for a decision)

***Will you stay** in this evening?* (request or order)

## 1 Make future progressive questions to ask somebody politely:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 what time they are planning to get up. | 6 whether they plan to have lunch out. |
| 2 what they plan to wear.                | 7 what time they intend to come back.  |
| 3 how they intend to travel to work.     | 8 where they are planning to sleep.    |
| 4 how soon they intend to leave.         | 9 how they intend to pay.              |
| 5 whether they expect to take the car.   | 10 when they plan to go back home.     |

## 2 Complete the cartoon caption, using a future progressive.



'My name is Mr Collins. I (*teach*) you English literature, and I'm armed.'

# future perfect

	SIMPLE	PROGRESSIVE
✓	<b>I will have worked etc</b>	<b>I will have been working etc</b>
?	<b>will you have worked? etc</b>	<b>will you have been working? etc</b>
X	<b>she will not have worked etc</b>	<b>he will not have been working etc</b>

We can use the **future perfect** to say that something will have been completed by a certain time in the future.

*The builder says he'll have finished the roof by Saturday.*

*The car will soon have done 100,000 miles.*

We can use the **future perfect progressive** to say how long something will have continued by a certain time.

*Next Christmas I'll have been teaching for twenty years.*

## 1 Use the future perfect to put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I ( <i>not finish</i> ) the report by Monday.	and we'll be able to get a smaller house.
In a couple of years the children ( <i>leave</i> ) home	and it's needed for Monday morning.
On our next wedding anniversary	I ( <i>drive</i> ) for fourteen hours non-stop.
When I get home tonight	I ( <i>work</i> ) for forty years.
When I retire	we ( <i>be</i> ) married for twenty-five years.

## 2 A romantic novelist writes 300-page books. She writes ten pages a day, and takes no holidays. Use the future perfect to answer the questions.

- How many pages will she have written after ten days? After a month? After a year? After ten years?
- If she starts today, how soon will she have finished her first book? How many books will she have written a year from now?
- How long will she have been writing when she has written 120 books?
- She earns £100,000 per book. How much money will she have made altogether after her 120th book?

## 3 How long will you have been learning English / working / going to school / living in your present house by next summer? (Write sentences with the future perfect progressive.) If you can work with other students, ask them the same questions.

## future: I am to ...

We can talk about the future by saying that something **is to happen**.  
We often use this structure to talk about **official plans** and fixed **personal arrangements**.

*The President **is to visit** Scotland in September.*

*We **are to get** a wage rise.*

*I felt nervous because I **was soon to leave** home for the first time.*

### 1 Write sentences about President Morton's schedule. Example:

*The President is to arrive at Star City at 08.00.*



#### Schedule for Presidential Visit to Northland Monday 27.6

08.00	Arrive Star City Airport. Inspect guard of honour.
09.00	Working breakfast with President Jensen.
11.00–13.00	Tour of Star City; meet mayor and civic leaders.
13.00–14.00	Lunch with Foreign Minister Svendsen and guests.
14.00–16.00	Visit inner city schools; open new eye hospital.
16.00–20.00	Meet business leaders; rest
20.00–23.00	Attend State Dinner as guest of President and Mrs Jensen.

**You are (not) to** can be used (for example by parents) to **give orders**.

*You're **to do** your homework before you watch TV.*

*She can go out, but she's **not to be** back late.*

### 2 Put together sentences that a parent might say to a child, using expressions from the two boxes and **You're (not) to ...** Example:

*You're to clean up your room*

clean up	do	give chocolate	go to bed	learn how to use
leave dirty	leave empty	make	make your own	
open door	write			

at nine o'clock	bed	Christmas thank-you letters
crisp-packets lying around	hour-long phone calls	
piano practice	room	socks on floor
to strangers	washing machine	to cat



# future in the past

When we are talking about the past, we often want to say that something was still in the future at that time. To express this idea, we can use the past progressive (*was ...ing*), *was going to ...*, *would ...* or *was to*.

## 1 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Carola and I hardly noticed each other that first evening.	and she still hadn't started packing.
He was to regret that conversation	arrived one Friday morning.
I was going to ring you yesterday,	but I forgot.
She was leaving in two hours.	for many years to come.
So this was the school where I would spend the next five years.	I didn't like it.
The letter that was to change my life	Two weeks later we would be married.
	:
	,

## ▲ 2 These sentences are from C S Forester's novel *The General*, set in the First World War. Complete the sentences with expressions from the box.

would stand	would make	would return	was going to be
was going to say	was marrying	were to find	were to lose

- 1 The parlourmaid was in the room and her presence caused Lady Emily not to say immediately what she \_\_\_\_.
- 2 As the Duchess had said, the fact that Emily \_\_\_\_ a General was a very adequate excuse for so much ceremony at the wedding.
- 3 There was going to be no muddling in his Corps. Everything \_\_\_\_ exact, systematic, perfect.
- 4 (This was) the front line of the British trench system – in it many men \_\_\_\_ their lives for the barren honour of retaining that worthless ground.
- 5 There were six men bending over that map, and five of them \_\_\_\_ their graves at the point where the General's finger was stabbing at the map.
- 6 A vivid flash of imagination, like lightning at night, revealed the future to Curzon. He \_\_\_\_ to England a defeated general, one of the men who had let England down. Emily \_\_\_\_ by him, but he did not want her to have to do so. Emily whom he loved \_\_\_\_ it all the worse. He would rather die.

# the two present tenses

	SIMPLE PRESENT	PRESENT PROGRESSIVE
✓	I/you/we/they <b>work</b> he/she/it <b>works</b>	I <b>am</b> , you <b>are</b> etc <b>working</b>
?	<b>do</b> I/you/we/they work? <b>does</b> he/she/it work?	<b>am</b> I, <b>are</b> you etc <b>working</b> ?
✗	I/you/we/they <b>do not</b> work he/she/it <b>does not</b> work	I <b>am not</b> , you <b>are not</b> etc <b>working</b>

You **live** in North London, don't you?  
No thanks. I **don't smoke**.  
Chetford Castle **stands** on a hill outside the town.  
Alice **works** for an insurance company.  
What **do** frogs **eat**?  
I **play** tennis every Wednesday.  
The sun **rises** in the east.

My sister's **living** with me just now.  
Look – Ann's **smoking** a cigar.  
Why **is** that girl **standing** on the table?  
Phil's **working** in Japan at the moment.  
Hurry up! We're **waiting** for you.  
'What **are** you **doing**?' 'I'm **writing** letters.'  
Why **are** you **crying**? What's wrong?

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Study the above examples, and then look at the words and expressions in the box. Which of them go best with the simple present, and which go with the present progressive? Check your answer in the key.

permanent	temporary	habit	just around now	always
usually	just at this moment	these days	but not for very long	

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 Write a rule in your own language to explain the difference between the two English present tenses. If you can work with other students who speak your language, compare your rule with theirs.



'I am standing under your foot.'

We don't use a **present tense** to say **how long** something has been going on.  
*I've known her for years. (NOT I know her for years.)* See page 156.

**3 Here are some exchanges from an interview between an American journalist and a French film star. Can you complete them with the correct tenses?**

- 1 'How do you start work on a film?' 'I (*read*) the script and (*make*) notes.'
- 2 'I (*make*) notes of our interview. I hope you don't mind.' 'No, that's OK.'
- 3 'What languages (*you speak*)?' 'English, French and Spanish.'
- 4 'I'm glad we (*do*) this interview in English. My French isn't very good.'
- 5 'Who (*play*) that guitar?' 'My son, when he has time.'
- 6 'Who (*play*) the piano upstairs?' 'My sister. She's got a concert tomorrow.'
- 7 'What (*she play*)?' 'I think it's a piece by Mozart.'
- 8 '(*She play*) anything else?' 'The violin. She's very musical.'
- 9 'Your daughter's very keen on sport, isn't she?' 'She (*play*) tennis.'
- 10 'Where is she now?' 'She (*play*) tennis, as usual.'
- 11 'What's that delicious smell?' 'My husband (*cook*).'
- 12 'Is that usual?' 'Yes, normally I (*shop*) and my husband (*cook*).'
- 13 'What a lovely clock!' 'It (*not work*). I'm afraid – it's been broken for years.'
- 14 'Could I use your phone?' 'I'm afraid it (*not work*) at the moment.'

**4 Choose the correct forms of the cartoon captions.**



'Of course, he still has his hobby.  
 He (*collects / is collecting*) dust.'



'So (*how's everything going / how does everything go*)?'

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**Repeated actions** not only around the moment of speaking: **simple present**.  
**Repeated actions** around the moment of speaking: **present progressive**.

*I go to the mountains about twice a year. Water boils at 100° Celsius.*  
*Why is he hitting the dog? Jake's seeing a lot of Felicity these days.*

# present tense stories etc

We often tell stories with present tenses in an informal style.

We use the **simple present** for **events** – things that happen one after another.

We use the **present progressive** for **background** – things that are already happening when the story starts, or that continue through part of the story.

*There's this Scotsman, you see, and he's **walking** through the jungle when he **meets** a gorilla. And the gorilla's **eating** a snake sandwich. So the Scotsman **goes** up to the gorilla and **says** ...*

## 1 Put the story in order and put in the correct forms of the verbs.

ask	close	go	hold	keep	notice	open	say
sit	start	take	throw	work			

5 The man \_\_\_\_ another orange out of his bag and \_\_\_\_ opening the window.

6 'But there are no elephants in these mountains,' \_\_\_\_ the woman.

7 Suddenly the man \_\_\_\_ the window, \_\_\_\_ out the orange and \_\_\_\_ the window again.

8 'Because we \_\_\_\_ through the mountains. Oranges \_\_\_\_ the elephants away.'

9 A woman \_\_\_\_ in a railway carriage when she \_\_\_\_ that the man opposite her \_\_\_\_ an orange in his hand and looking out of the window.

10 'You see?' says the man. 'It \_\_\_\_.'

'Excuse me,' the woman \_\_\_\_, 'but why did you do that?'

## 2 You probably know a better story than this. Write it, or tell other people.

We use the **simple present** to describe events that happen **one after another** in **commentaries** and **demonstrations**.

We also use the simple present to ask for and give **instructions**.

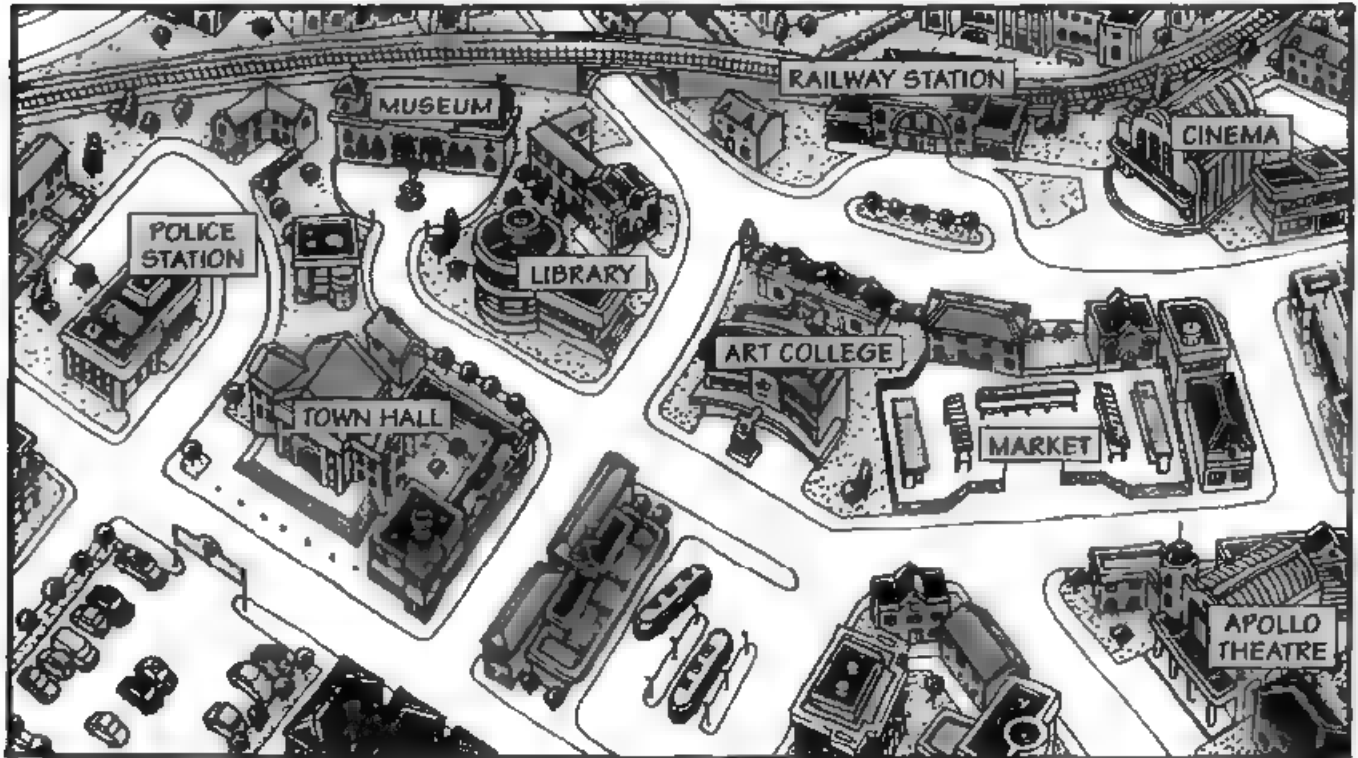
*Calvin **passes** to Peters, Peters to O'Malley, Lucas **intercepts**, Lucas to Higgins, Higgins **shoots** – and it's a goal!*

*First I **put** a lump of butter into the frying pan and **light** the gas; then while the butter's melting I **break** three eggs into a bowl ...*

*'How **do** I **get** to the station?' 'You **go** straight on for half a mile, then you **come** to a garage, you **turn** left and then you **take** the first right.'*

### 3 Look at the map and follow the directions. Where do you get to?

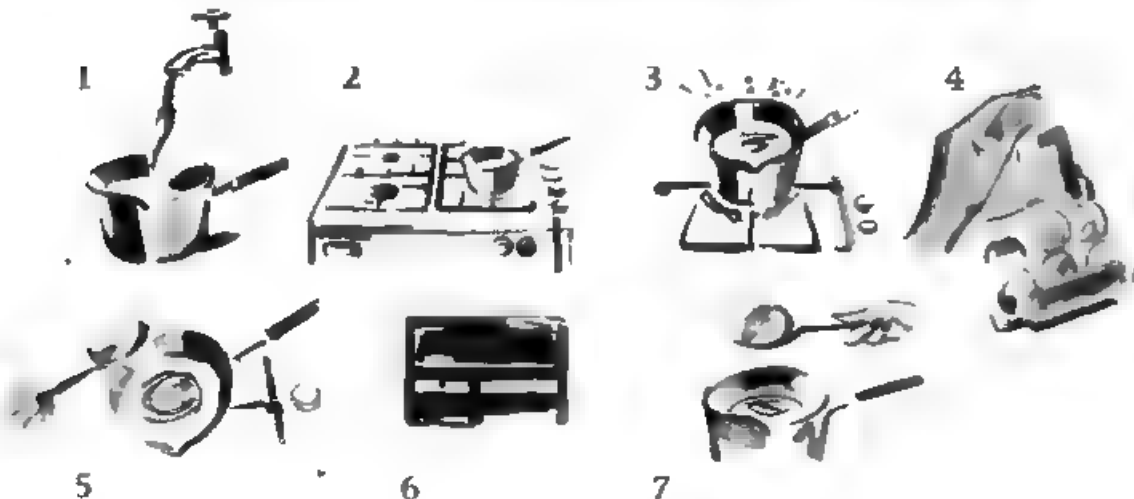
When you come out of the station you turn right. Then you take the first left and keep straight on till you come to a T-Junction. You turn right and keep straight on till you get to a crossroads, and then turn right again.



### 4 Write similar directions to tell somebody how to get from the station to the Apollo Theatre.

### 5 If you can work with other students, give them directions to another place on the map. See if they can work out where it is.

### 6 Look at the pictures and write the instructions for boiling an egg.



### 7 Write the instructions for cooking something else.

# present progressive for changes

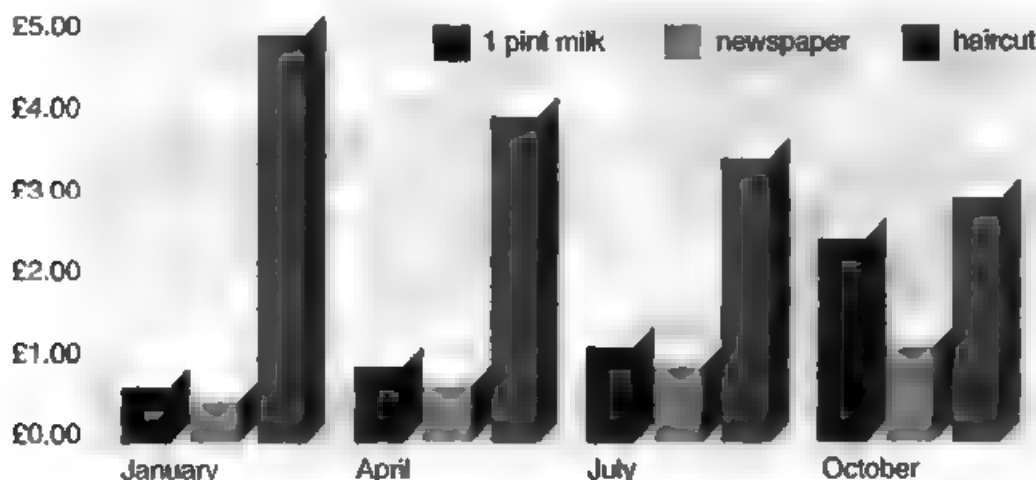
We use the **present progressive** for **changing** and **developing** situations.

The climate **is getting** warmer. (NOT ~~The climate gets warmer.~~)

That child's **growing** bigger every day.

The universe **is expanding**, and has been since its beginning.

- ✓ 1 Look at the graph and say what is happening.



- ✓ 2 Say what is happening to some of the following.

the world's population	you (age)	your English	prices
days (length)	pollution	roads	trains
the world's forests	wildlife	the political situation	cars
cities	medical care	teenagers	unemployment
men	women	older people	people's holidays
			air travel
			children
			sprinters

- ✓ 3 Complete the cartoon captions



'Seems all right. How (your English / get on) ?'



'That funny noise (get) louder.'

# simple present: spelling

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples of third person singular (*he/she/it ...*) forms and answer the questions. Check your answers in the key.

<i>catches</i>	<i>cooks</i>	<i>does</i>	<i>eats</i>	<i>enjoys</i>	<i>fixes</i>	<i>flies</i>
<i>goes</i>	<i>lives</i>	<i>makes</i>	<i>misses</i>	<i>passes</i>	<i>plays</i>	<i>pushes</i>
<i>reads</i>	<i>replies</i>	<i>says</i>	<i>shops</i>	<i>smokes</i>	<i>speaks</i>	<i>stands</i>
<i>teaches</i>	<i>thinks</i>	<i>tries</i>	<i>waits</i>	<i>washes</i>	<i>works</i>	

- What is the most common way of making the third person singular?
- What happens with words ending in **vowel + -y**?
- What happens with words ending in **consonant + -y**?
- After which consonants and groups of consonants do we add **-es**?
- Which two other common words add **-es**?

- 2 Write the third person singular of these verbs.

box	brush	buy	complete	cry	defend	deny
destroy	excite	expect	fry	guess	look	pray
reach	receive	rush	spend	want	watch	

- 3 Complete the quotations with the verbs in the box.

come	do (twice)	get	happen	hate (twice)	love
make	sing	start	teach	wait	wash

- He who can, \_\_\_\_\_. He who cannot, \_\_\_\_\_. *G B Shaw*
- It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Woody Allen*
- He's fanatically tidy. After he takes a bath, he \_\_\_\_\_ the soap.  
*Hugh Leonard*
- Opera is when a guy \_\_\_\_\_ knifed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Ed Gardner*
- Never marry a man who \_\_\_\_\_ his mother; he'll end up hating you.  
*Jill Bennett*
- The brain is a wonderful organ. It \_\_\_\_\_ working the moment you get up in the morning, and it \_\_\_\_\_ not stop until you get to the office.  
*Robert Frost*
- A man who \_\_\_\_\_ whisky and \_\_\_\_\_ kids can't be all bad. *W C Fields*
- The man who \_\_\_\_\_ no mistakes does not usually make anything.  
*E J Phelps*
- Everything \_\_\_\_\_ to him who \_\_\_\_\_. *Traditional*

## non-progressive verbs

Some verbs are **not** normally used in **progressive forms**.

*I know what you mean.* (NOT *I'm knowing what you're meaning.*)  
*You seem worried.* (NOT *You're seeming ...*)

- 1 These verbs aren't normally used in progressive forms. Use some or all of them to complete the sentences. More than one answer may be possible.

believe	belong	contain	forget	hate	like	love
matter	need	own	prefer	realise	remember	
suppose	understand	want				

- 1 This book \_\_\_\_ to me.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_ you're right.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ this music?
- 4 His father \_\_\_\_ a chain of hotels.
- 5 She says she \_\_\_\_ to see Fred.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_ a drink of water.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_ you don't \_\_\_\_ me.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_ how old she is.
- 9 She \_\_\_\_ me and I \_\_\_\_ her.
- 10 Money doesn't \_\_\_\_ to me.
- 11 'Beer?' 'I \_\_\_\_ water.'
- 12 I \_\_\_\_ his face, but not his name.
- 13 That bottle \_\_\_\_ petrol.

Some verbs have **progressive forms with one meaning** but not with another. The following do not usually have progressive forms:

**have** (= 'possess'); **appear** (= 'seem'); **look** (= 'seem');  
**see** (= 'understand'); **think** (= 'have the opinion that');  
**feel** (= 'have the opinion that').

- 2 Choose the correct form (simple present or present progressive).

- 1 I (*have*) a great time.
- 2 She (*have*) plenty of money just now.
- 3 He (*appear*) at the Fortune Theatre next week.
- 4 She (*appear*) to have a problem.
- 5 Why (*you look*) at me like that?
- 6 It (*look*) as if it's going to rain.
- 7 I (*see*) what you're trying to say.
- 8 I (*see*) the manager this afternoon.
- 9 I (*think*) you're right.
- 10 What (*you think*) about?
- 11 I (*feel*) very tired today.
- 12 I (*feel*) she's making a mistake.



'I think we've got a leadership problem.'



# he's always borrowing money etc

If something is **always happening**, it happens **often**, but is **unplanned**.

*I'm **always losing** my keys.*

*Granny's **always giving** us little presents.*

*He's **always borrowing** money.*

Compare:

*When Alice comes, I **always meet** her at the station. (planned meetings)*

*I'm **always meeting** Alan Forbes in the supermarket. (unplanned)*

- 1 Here are some sentences taken from real conversations. Can you put the beginnings and ends together?

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Dad is always teasing me	a party in one of the houses.
He's always arguing	about my clothes.
He's always giving people	and chest problems.
Her best friend is always	her family.
dropping in	making up stories about people.
I hate those cartoons	new products.
Jamie is always having colds	or fighting.
My wife's always buying	she wishes she was prettier.
She's always criticising	small presents
She's always saying	to criticise the way she lives her life.
Someone is always giving	where Tom is always chasing Jerry.
That old bitch is always	

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 This structure usually expresses an emotion. Which emotion is most common in the examples in Exercise 1 – interest, criticism, surprise or admiration? Check your answer in the key.
- 3 Use this structure to write sentences describing people you know who often do some of the following things (or others):

worry about nothing	lose their temper	lose things
complain about their health	forget things	cry
change their job	buy new clothes	quarrel
		fall in love
		talk nonsense

# revision of present tenses

## 1 Put in the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

- 1 Vegetarians are people who (*don't eat / are not eating*) meat.
- 2 Look out! My husband (*comes / is coming*).
- 3 Some people still think the sun (*goes / is going*) round the earth.
- 4 I (*play / 'm playing*) tennis every weekend.
- 5 Who (*sits / 's sitting*) in my chair?
- 6 What (*happens / is happening*) in golf if you lose the ball?
- 7 An alcoholic is a person who (*drinks / is drinking*) too much and can't stop.
- 8 Look! (*She wears / She's wearing*) the same shoes as me.
- 9 'What (*are you looking / do you look*) at?' 'A strange bird.'
- 10 I (*stay / 'm staying*) with John for a few weeks until my flat's ready.
- 11 We (*usually stay / 're usually staying*) with Peggy when we go to Chicago.
- 12 Can you explain why water always (*runs / is running*) downhill?
- 13 What (*do you do / are you doing*) with my coat?
- 14 Nobody (*gets / is getting*) up early for fun.
- 15 Not many passenger planes (*fly / are flying*) faster than sound.

## 2 Match the questions and answers.

1 What do you do?	a Actually, that's the radio.
2 What are you doing?	b French – she's from Belgium.
3 Where do you work?	c I want to get this car started.
4 Where are you working?	d I'm an architect.
5 Does your son play the violin?	e I'm in Cardiff this week.
6 Is your son playing the violin?	f In a big insurance company.
7 What language does she speak?	g It sounds like Russian.
8 What language is she speaking?	h Me – can I have some more?
9 Who drinks champagne?	i Me, when I can afford it.
10 Who's drinking champagne?	j No, the piano.

## 3 Put in the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

- 1 I (*think*) he's away.
- 2 You (*know*) what I (*mean*).
- 3 She (*always complain*).
- 4 We (*always start*) at nine.
- 5 While the butter (*melt*), you (*take*) three eggs and (*break*) them into a bowl.
- 6 I (*think*) about your father.
- 7 Scientists (*believe*) the weather (*change*).
- 8 I (*not see*) what the problem is.
- 9 Why (*you look*) at me like that?
- 10 Now I (*understand*) what she wants.

# simple present perfect: introduction

✓	I <b>have seen</b> , you <b>have seen</b> etc
?	<b>have I seen?</b> <b>have you seen?</b> etc
X	I <b>have not seen</b> , you <b>have not seen</b> etc



The simple present perfect **connects the past and the present**.  
We use it especially for **finished actions that are important now**.  
They have **results now**, or they are **news**.

## RESULTS NOW

*I can't walk – I've **hurt** my leg.*

*Look – he **hasn't drunk** his tea.*

## NEWS

***Have you heard?** He's **arrived!***

*You've **passed** your exam!*

Compare: *Brutus **killed** Caesar.* (NOT ... **has killed** ... – no present meaning.)

We can often change a present perfect sentence into a present sentence with more or less the same meaning.

*I've **hurt** my leg.* = *I **have** a bad leg.*      *Sue's **come** back.* = *Sue **is** home.*  
*He's **lost** his keys.* = *He **can't** find them.*      *He's **gone**.* = *He **isn't** here.*

## 1 Change these present perfect sentences into present sentences with similar meanings.

- |                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 The Foreign Minister has died. | 7 I've done the washing up.         |
| 2 Lucy's had a baby.             | 8 She's gone to work for the BBC.   |
| 3 You've torn your coat.         | 9 We haven't found out where he is. |
| 4 I've broken my leg.            | 10 The noise has stopped.           |
| 5 He's lost his address book.    | 11 I've forgotten your name.        |
| 6 Have you made tea?             | 12 She's learnt French.             |

## 2 Complete the cartoon caption. Can you make a present-tense sentence about the situation in the cartoon?

'First the good news. His temperature (go) down.'



# present perfect and past: news

	SIMPLE PRESENT PERFECT	SIMPLE PAST
✓	I <b>have seen</b> etc	I <b>saw</b> etc
?	<b>have I seen?</b> etc	<b>did I see?</b> etc
X	I <b>have not seen</b> etc	I <b>did not see</b> etc

We often **announce** a piece of news with the **present perfect**.

We can use **just** to say that something has happened **very recently**.

*A light passenger plane **has crashed** in Surrey.*

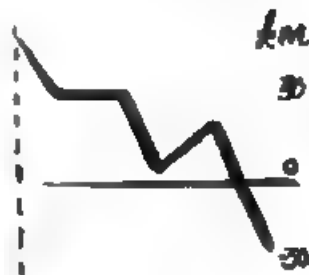
*Andy's **just found** a flat!*

- 1 Join the beginnings and ends to make pieces of news. Which sentence goes with which picture?**

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
A parachutist has just	a baby girl.
Lucy has had	gone into hospital again.
My poor old father has	into our garden gate.
Polly and Simon have	just got married.
Some people have bought	landed on the roof.
Somebody has just crashed	lost £30 million this year.
The firm has	the cup again.
United have won	the house next door.



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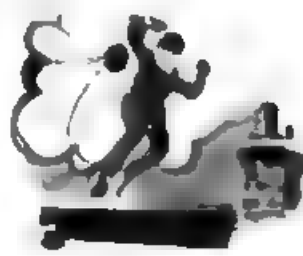
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When we give more details, we usually change to the **simple past**.



'I've had a terrible day at the office, dear. My secretary went home sick, we lost three major contracts and a funny little dwarf turned me into a banana.'

**2 Choose the right tenses and put the sentences in pairs to make news items. Example:**

*A light passenger plane has crashed in Surrey. According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft hit a tree while coming in to land.*

A light passenger plane (*crash*) in Surrey.

Five thousand fans (*be*) at the airport.

According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft (*hit*) a tree while coming in to land.

Ana Gomez, of Peru, (*set*) a new record for the marathon.

He (*say*) I was just the person he needed.

Novelist Maria Santiago (*marry*) actor Tony Delaney.

Peter (*just offer*) me a new job!

Police (*find*) missing schoolgirl Karen Allen.

She (*cover*) the 42 km in just over 2 hours and 16 minutes.

She (*be*) at a friend's house in Birmingham.

The World Cup team (*arrive*) home.

They (*fall*) just before reaching the summit of Mont Blanc (4.807 m).

They (*meet*) while working on the screenplay for the film *Sun in the Morning*.

They (*steal*) dustmen's uniforms and walked out through the main gate.

Three climbers (*die*) in the Alps.

Two prisoners (*escape*) from Caernarvon high security prison.

Note that we use the **simple past** to talk about the **origin** of something present.

Who **wrote** that? (NOT ~~Who has written that?~~)

Bill **gave** me this necklace. Did you **put** this here?

Whose **idea was** it to come here on holiday?

## present perfect and past: time words

To talk about **finished actions**, we can use the **present perfect** or the **simple past**. It often depends on the **kind of time expression** that is used. We do **not** normally use the **present perfect** with expressions which refer to a **finished time**, like *yesterday*, *last week*, *three years ago*, *then*, *when*. We normally use the **present perfect** with expressions which refer to '**any time up to now**', like *ever*, *never*, *before*, *recently*, *often*, *already*, *yet*. Compare:

- I saw Kate yesterday.* (NOT ~~*I have seen Kate yesterday.*~~)  
*Have you seen Rob recently?*  
*You were here last week, weren't you?*  
*You've been here before, haven't you?*  
*She studied Chinese when she was at university.*  
*He's never studied any foreign languages.*

### 1 Finished or unfinished time? Put the expressions in two lists.

a long time ago	before I was born	in 1991	in my life
just after I got up	last year	lately	this year
when I was nine			today

### 2 Choose the correct tense.

- I (*haven't seen* / *didn't see*) much of Al lately.
- 'Who is she?' 'I (*'ve never seen* / *never saw*) her before.'
- I (*'ve done* / *did*) a lot of stupid things in my life.
- She (*has left* / *left*) school last year.
- When (*have you got* / *did you get*) married?
- I'm sorry. I (*haven't finished* / *didn't finish*) yet.
- I (*'ve often wondered* / *often wondered*) what he does for a living.
- He (*has caught* / *caught*) the plane at eight this morning.
- I (*'ve read* / *read*) a lot of her books when I was at school.
- (*Have you seen* / *Did you see*) any good films recently?

**Just now** (meaning 'a moment ago') is used with the **simple past**. Compare:

*She has just phoned.*      *She phoned just now.*

We can **think of a finished time** even without using a time expression.  
We can **think of 'any time up to now'** even if we don't say so.

**Did you see 'Hamlet'?** (It was on TV **last night**.)

**Have you seen 'Hamlet'?** (= Have you **ever** seen 'Hamlet'?)

**II Put in the most suitable tense (simple past or present perfect).**

- 1 You *(be)* a beautiful baby.
- 2 I *(not read)* her latest book.
- 3 *(you visit)* India?
- 4 My great-grandmother *(live)* in Glasgow.
- 5 Columbus *(not discover)* America: the Indians already *(know)* where it was.
- 6 Amazing news! Scientists *(discover)* a new planet!
- 7 Who *(give)* Shakespeare his first job?
- 8 How many times *(you be)* in love?
- 9 I *(never enjoy)* a holiday as much as this one.
- 10 '*(you hear)* the thunder?' 'No, nothing wakes me up.'

**4 Complete the three questions in your own words. If you can, ask somebody else and report the answers.**

Have you ever ...?

How often have you ...?

When did you last ...?

**5 Complete the cartoon captions correctly.**

'Oh yes! I met / 've met your sort before.'



'When did you last feed / have you last fed that goldfish?'



# present perfect: situations 'up to now'

past ■ s ■ i ■ t ■ u ■ a ■ t ■ i ■ o ■ n ■ ► present

We use the **present perfect** to talk about situations **continuing up to now**, especially when we say **how long** they have lasted.

Alex **has worked** with children **all her life**.

He went to Rome on holiday ten years ago, and he's **lived** there **ever since**.

She's **always wanted** to go to Australia, but she's **never had** time.

We **do not** use a **present** tense to say how long something has lasted.

**I've known** Joe for years. (NOT ~~I know~~ Joe for years.)

How long **have you been here** for? (= 'Since when ...?')

Compare: How long **are you here** for? (= 'Until when ...?')

## 1 Read the sentences and answer the questions.

- 1 'How long has Ann lived in Spain?' *Does Ann still live in Spain?*
- 2 'How long did Bill live in Italy?' *Does Bill still live in Italy?*
- 3 'Joe worked with me for two years.' *Does Joe still work with the speaker?*
- 4 'Sue has worked with me for two years.' *Does Sue still work with the speaker?*
- 5 'I've had a headache all day.' *Has the speaker got a headache?*
- 6 'I had a headache all day.' *Has the speaker got a headache?*

## 2 Put the bracketed expressions into the sentences and choose the correct tenses.

- 1 I (like) sport. (always) *I have always liked sport.*
- 2 I'm sorry for her. She (have) bad luck. (all her life)
- 3 I (want) to be a doctor. (until I was fifteen)
- 4 He (be) unemployed. (ever since he left school)
- 5 (you live) in this town? (How long)
- 6 I (not work) very hard. (when I was at university)
- 7 He was ill before Christmas, but he (be) fine. (since then)
- 8 I (have) trouble sleeping. (all this week)
- 9 I (have) trouble sleeping. (all last week)
- 10 I (learn) a lot. (in this job)
- 11 I (not learn) much. (in that job)
- 12 My boyfriend and I (know) each other. (for ages)
- 13 He (live) in Durban. (for a year before he got married)
- 14 I (spend) three days in hospital. (last month)



We often use the **present perfect** for actions repeated up to now.  
Compare:

*Benjamin's **been** to Africa several times this year. ('up to now')*

*I **went** to Africa three times last year. (not 'up to now')*

*I've **climbed** a lot of mountains, but I've never been up Mont Blanc.*

*In 1861 he **climbed** most of the highest mountains in France.*

**3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect or simple past.**

- 1 I (play) a lot of tennis this year.
- 2 She (have) six different jobs since she left school.
- 3 He (run) away from school three times when he was fourteen.
- 4 How many cups of coffee (you drink) today?
- 5 In those days, Andrew (come) to stay with us most weekends.
- 6 Shakespeare (write) poems as well as plays.
- 7 Since my brother lost his job, he (write) two books.
- 8 I'm not cooking today – I (cook) all the meals yesterday. In fact, I (cook) most of the meals this week.
- 9 Would you believe I (make) twenty-three phone calls today?
- 10 Our team are rubbish. They (just lose) eight games one after the other.

**4 Complete these sentences in any way you like.**

- |                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 I've always ____.                | 6 I've had my ____ since ____. |
| 2 I've often ____.                 | 7 I've lived ____.             |
| 3 I often ____ when I was a child. | 8 I've never lived ____.       |
| 4 All my life I have ____.         | 9 I've ____ times this year.   |
| 5 I've known ____.                 | 10 I ____ times last year.     |

**5 Choose the correct version of the cartoon caption.**

*'I've spent / I spent twenty-five years making a name for myself and now you want me to CHANGE it?'*



With most verbs, we can also use the **present perfect progressive** to talk about situations continuing up to now. For details, see pages 158–159.

***Have you been waiting long?***

# present perfect progressive

✓	I have been working etc
?	have you been working? etc
✗	he has not been working etc

We often use the **present perfect progressive** to talk about actions **continuing up to now**, especially when we say **how long** they have lasted. We **do not** use a **present** tense to say how long something has lasted.

*It **has been snowing** since Tuesday.*

(NOT ~~It is snowing~~ since Tuesday.)

*How long **have you been learning** English?*

(NOT ... ~~are you learning~~ ...?)

For the difference between the progressive and simple tenses, see page 160.

- 1 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box. Use the present perfect progressive. Which sentences go with the two cartoons?

cry	learn	live	play (twice)	rain	wait (twice)
walk	work				

- 1 It \_\_\_\_\_ all day.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ English since I was six.
- 3 She \_\_\_\_\_ tennis professionally for ten years.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_n't \_\_\_\_\_ in this house for very long.
- 5 That man \_\_\_\_\_ up and down the street for ages..
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ very hard this week.
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ non-stop since she got his letter.
- 8 He \_\_\_\_\_ that music for hours. I wish he'd stop.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ long, sir?
- 10 They call me waiter, but you \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour.



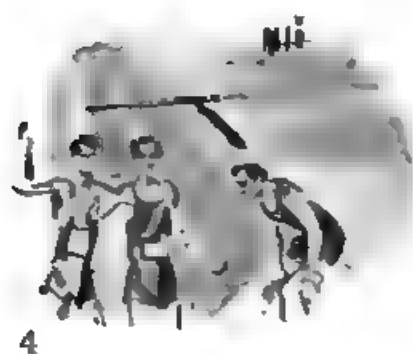
We can also use the **present perfect progressive** to talk about long or repeated actions that have finished recently, and which have **present results**.

*'You look hot.'* *'Yes, I've been running.'*

**2 Put together the beginnings and ends of the conversations.**

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
'Aren't you hungry?'	'Helen's been looking at them.'
'Is it true that Philip's been arrested?'	'I've been gardening all afternoon.'
'Janet seems very cheerful.'	'I've been swimming.'
'She's very dirty.'	'I've been talking to Henry, and he just goes on and on.'
'Why are my books all over the floor?'	'No, I've been eating all day.'
'Why's your hair wet?'	'She's been cleaning the cellar.'
'You all look very miserable.'	'She's been skiing with Roger for the last week.'
'You look tired.'	'Yes, he's been stealing things from shops.'
'You're very late.'	'Yes, I've been painting the ceiling.'
'Your hair's all white.'	'Yes, we've been telling each other our life stories.'

**3 Write sentences about the pictures, to say what has been happening.**



# present perfect progressive or simple?

To talk about recent long actions and situations:  
the **present perfect progressive** looks at the **continuing situation itself**; the **present perfect simple** says that something is **completed, achieved**.

*I've **been reading** your book: I'm enjoying it.*

*I've **read** your book. (= I've finished it.)*

We use the **simple present perfect** to say **how often** something has happened (because of the idea of completion). Compare:

*I've **played** tennis three times this week.*

*I've **been playing** a lot of tennis recently.*

We prefer the **simple present perfect** to talk about permanent or very long-lasting situations. Compare:

*He's **been living** in Doncaster for the last few months.*

*I've **lived** here all my life.*

## 1 Put in the present perfect progressive or simple.

- 1 That man (*stand*) outside for hours.
- 2 The castle (*stand*) on that hill for 900 years.
- 3 Ann (*garden*) all afternoon. She (*plant*) a lot of rose bushes.
- 4 James (*go*) out every night this week.
- 5 He (*see*) a lot of Alexandra recently.
- 6 How long (*you wait*)?
- 7 I (*wait*) long enough. I'm going.
- 8 Her family (*farm*) this land since the tenth century.
- 9 She (*only farm*) for two years, but she's doing very well.
- 10 I (*learn*) German for six years.
- 11 I (*learn*) most of the irregular verbs.
- 12 My mother (*do*) all her Christmas shopping.
- 13 I (*do*) Christmas shopping all day.
- 14 I (*clean*) the car. Doesn't it look nice?
- 15 'You look tired.' 'I (*wash*) clothes all day.'

Remember that some verbs are not used in progressive forms even if the meaning is one for which a progressive form is more suitable (see page 148).

*He's only **known** her for two days. (NOT ~~He's only been knowing her ...~~)*

*How long **have** you **had** that cold? (NOT ... ~~have you been having ...?~~)*

# since and for

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Do you know the difference between *since* and *for*? Look at the examples and try to make a rule. Then check this in the key.

He's been here *since* ten o'clock.

He's been here *for* two hours.

We've had this car *since* December.

We've had this car *for* six months.

I've known her *since* university.

I've known her *for* a very long time.

- 2 Complete the expressions.

since yesterday = for 24 hours

for 200 years = since the 18th century

since 1980 = \_\_\_\_

for 20 years = since \_\_\_\_

since Tuesday = \_\_\_\_

for five days = \_\_\_\_

since six o'clock = \_\_\_\_

for the last two hours = \_\_\_\_

since my birthday = the last days/weeks/months

- 3 Complete the sentences with *since* or *for*.

1 I've had this job a month.

5 I've lived here 1992.

2 He's known her April.

6 He's been away a long time.

3 She's been ill years.

7 I haven't slept two nights.

4 I haven't seen him ages.

- 4 Write sentences about these situations with *since* and *for*.

1 Jake runs a small business. He started doing this five years ago.

2 Andy lives in Dublin. He moved there last year.

3 Helen plays the piano. She started two years ago.

4 Rob has a Mercedes. He bought it five years ago.

5 Jan is living with Pete. This started in 1994.

6 Sammy is learning Turkish. He started four years ago.

- 5 Complete the sentences in your own words.

1 I've had this \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_.

3 I haven't \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_.

2 I've known since .

4 I haven't since .

- 6 If you can work with other students, ask them questions beginning 'How long have ...' They should answer 'Since ...' or 'For ...'

## tenses with **since** and **for**

Sentences with **since** usually have a **perfect** tense. But **past** tenses are possible in the **time expression** after **since**. Compare:

*I've known her since 1980.*

*I've known her since we were students.*

### 1 Choose the right tenses.

- 1 It (is / was / has been) snowing since I (have got up / got up).
- 2 Things (have been / were) difficult since Carol (has lost / lost) her job.
- 3 Since Jake (has taken up / took up) the trumpet, nobody (has / has had / had) any peace.
- 4 He (has been / was) quite different since he (has got / got) married.
- 5 Since she (has gone / went) to live in France we (haven't heard / didn't hear) anything from her.
- 6 He (has been / was) strange ever since he (has had / had) the accident.

A **present tense** is sometimes used in the main clause to talk about **changes**.

Note also the structure **It is ... since ...**

*She looks quite different since her illness.*

*It's a long time since lunch.*

### 2 Put the beginnings and ends together. (Different answers are possible.)

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
He looks much younger	since he had a job.
It's nearly three years	since he shaved off his beard.
It's only a week	since I met her, but it seems like years.
It's too long	since she stopped going out with Pete.
She's a lot happier	since we got our own flat.
Things are better	since we last had a proper talk.

Sentences with **for** have a **perfect** tense when the meaning is '**time up to now**', but other tenses are used with other meanings.

*I've known her for ages.*

*I was in that school for three years.*

*She's staying for another week.*

*He'll be in hospital for a month.*

# present perfect and past: revision

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 **Tenses and time expressions. Which rule is true? Check your answer in the key.**
  - 1 **Present perfect (simple or progressive)** with longer periods of time; **simple past** with shorter periods.
  - 2 **Present perfect** with expressions of finished time; **simple past** with expressions of unfinished time.
  - 3 **Present perfect** with expressions of unfinished time; **simple past** with expressions of finished time.
  - 4 **Present perfect** with repeated actions; **simple past** with actions that are not repeated.
- 2 **Put in the correct forms.**

Dear Eileen

Hope things are OK with you. The doctor (1 *come*) yesterday. He (2 *not like*) my cough. I (3 *lie*) in bed looking at the ceiling since Tuesday, and I can tell you, I'm fed up with it. I (4 *never be*) ill like this before – don't know what's happening to me. And the weather's terrible. It (5 *rain*) all day, and I can't even have a cup of tea to cheer myself up, because the milkman (6 *not come*) this morning. Don't know why – I'm sure I (7 *pay*) his bill.

Alice (8 *get*) married last week, so now all Mary's kids (9 *leave*) home. She won't know what to do with herself, will she?

Lucy Watson (10 *move*) to Doncaster. Since Fred (11 *die*) she (12 *be*) all alone. It (13 *be*) a heart attack, apparently. I'm sorry she (14 *go*) – we (15 *be*) neighbours (16 *since/for*) over thirty years, and she (17 *always be*) friendly and ready to help out.

Amy (18 *leave*). My cleaning lady, you remember? I'm glad. She (19 *not be*) much use, and I (20 *not trust*) her since she (21 *break*) all those plates and (22 *say*) it (23 *be*) the cat.

There (24 *not be*) much change in the village. Some new people (25 *take*) over the shop. They seem quite nice. Hope they're more efficient than old Joe.

No more news. Write when you've got the time.

Love

Emma

## past progressive

✓	I <b>was working</b> etc
?	<b>were you working?</b> etc
X	she <b>was not working</b> etc

What **were you doing**

-----X-----

at 1.00?

As I **was walking** down the road

-----X-----

I **saw** Bill.

We use the **past progressive** to say that something was going on **around** a particular past time.

'What **were you doing** at 1.00 last night?' 'I **was watching** TV.'

(NOT 'What **did you do**?' 'I **watched** TV.')

We can use the **past progressive** and **simple past** together.

**Past progressive:** longer **background** action or situation.

**Simple past:** shorter action that **interrupted** it or happened in the middle.

As I **was walking** down the road I **saw** Bill.

The phone **rang** while I **was having** dinner.

### 1 Put in the correct tenses.

- At six o'clock this morning I (*have*) a wonderful dream, but then the alarm (*go*) off.
- This time yesterday I (*lie*) on the beach.
- When I walked in they (*all talk*) about babies.
- I saw Sid when I (*come*) to work this morning. He (*shop*).
- She (*meet*) her husband while she (*travel*) in Egypt.
- While I (*talk*) to Mrs Singleton somebody (*walk*) into my office and (*steal*) the computer.
- When Jake (*come*) in everybody (*stop*) talking.
- I (*look*) out of the window and (*see*) that we (*fly*) over the mountains.
- I (*wake*) up to find that water (*pour*) through the bedroom ceiling.
- He (*break*) his leg while he (*play*) football.
- I (*go*) to see how she (*be*) and found she (*cry*).
- She (*tell*) me she (*have*) a bad time with her husband.



- 2 Look at the pictures, and write sentences to say what was happening and what happened.



- 3 Complete the text with the verbs in the box (there is one verb too many). You will need five past progressives and three simple pasts.

ask	come	dance	grin	hold	not dance	order
play	throw					

On the dance floor half a dozen couples 1 themselves around. Most of them 2 cheek to cheek, if dancing is the word. The men wore white tuxedos and the girls wore bright eyes, ruby lips, and tennis or golf muscles. One couple 3 cheek to cheek. Mitchell's mouth was open, he 4 his face was red and shiny, and his eyes had that glazed look. Betty 5 her head as far as she could get away from him without breaking her neck. It was very obvious that she had had about all of Mr Larry Mitchell that she could take.

A Mexican waiter in a short green jacket and white pants with a green stripe down the side 6 up and I 7 a double Gibson and 8 if I could have a club sandwich. *Raymond Chandler: Playback (adapted)*

**Progressive forms** are used mostly for **temporary actions and situations**. For longer, more **permanent situations** we prefer the **simple past**.  
**Compare:**

*When I walked in I found that water **was running** down the walls.  
Explorers believed that the river **ran** into the Atlantic.*

We do **not** normally use the **past progressive** to talk about **past habits**, or to say **how often** something happened.

*I **played** a lot of tennis when I was younger. (NOT ~~I was playing~~ ...)  
She **rang** the bell three times. (NOT ~~she was ringing~~ ...)*

Remember that some verbs are not used in progressive forms (see page 148).

*I tried the cake to see how it **tasted**. (NOT ... ~~how it was tasting~~.)*

# past perfect

✓	I <b>had worked</b> etc
?	had you <b>worked?</b> etc
✗	he <b>had not worked</b> etc

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples. Which of rules 1–5 gives the best explanation for the use of the past perfect? Check your answer in the key.

When I got to the car park I realised that I **had lost** my keys.

She told me she **had worked** in France and Germany.

He arrived late; he **hadn't realised** the roads would be so icy.

She was upset because Andrew **hadn't telephoned**.

Do we use the **past perfect**:

- 1 mostly in **indirect speech**?
- 2 to show that a past action was **completed**?
- 3 when we are already talking about the past, and want to talk about an **earlier past** for a moment?
- 4 to talk about things that happened a **very long time ago**?
- 5 to say **why** something happened?

## 2 Put in the simple past or past perfect.

- 1 I (be) sorry that I (not be) nicer to him.
- 2 Nobody (come) to the meeting because Angela (forget) to tell people about it.
- 3 I (see) her before somewhere – I (know).
- 4 Because he (not check) the oil for so long, the car (break) down.
- 5 She couldn't find the book that I (lend) her.
- 6 All the people we (invite) turned up, and some that we (not invite).
- 7 They (never find) where he (hide) the money.
- 8 It was a firm that I (never hear) of.
- 9 When she (come) in, we all knew where she (be).
- 10 The lesson (already start) when I (arrive).

### 3 Choose the correct tense (simple past or past perfect).

When I (1 *go*) to Paris last spring for a job interview, I (2 *not be*) there for five years. I (3 *arrive*) the evening before the interview, and (4 *spend*) a happy hour walking round thinking about the good times I (5 *have*) there as a student.

As I was strolling by the Seine, I suddenly (6 *see*) a familiar face – it was Nedjma, the woman I (7 *share*) a flat with when I was a student, and whose address I (8 *lose*) after leaving Paris. I could tell she (9 *not see*) me, so I (10 *call*) her name and she (11 *look*) up. As she (12 *turn*) towards me, I (13 *realise*) that she (14 *have*) an ugly scar on the side of her face. She (15 *see*) the shock in my eyes, and her hand (16 *go*) up to touch the scar; she (17 *explain*) that she (18 *get*) it when she was a journalist reporting on a war in Africa.

She (19 *not be*) uncomfortable telling me this: we (20 *feel*) as if the years (21 *not pass*), as if we (22 *say*) goodbye the week before. She (23 *arrive*) in Paris that morning, and she (24 *have*) a hospital appointment the next day. The doctors (25 *think*) that they could remove the scar, but she would have to stay in Paris for several months. Both of us (26 *have*) the idea at the same time: if I (27 *get*) the job, we could share a flat again. And we could start by having a coffee while we (28 *begin*) to tell one another everything that (29 *happen*) to us in the past five years.

We often use the **past perfect** after **when** and **after** to show that something was **completely finished**.

*When he **had painted** the kitchen and bathroom, he decided to have a rest.*  
*After I **had finished** the report, I realised that it was too late to post it.*

### 4 Join the beginnings and ends to make sensible sentences.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
After he had tried on six pairs of shoes	he decided he liked the first ones best.
After Mary had done all the shopping	he started going through the cupboards downstairs.
When I had washed and dried the last plate	she took a short walk round the park.
When Mark had looked through all the drawers in his room	he went to the café in the square for a cup of coffee.
When he had finished eating lunch	Paul came in and offered to help.

### 5 Use **when** or **after** to make one sentence for each situation.

- I wrote to my boyfriend. Then I watched television for an hour or so.
- Everybody had a chance to say what they thought. Then we took a vote.
- I posted the letter. Then I felt much better about everything.
- She stopped trying to lose weight. She looked much healthier.
- He bought presents for everyone in his family. Then he bought something for himself as well.

# past perfect progressive

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ | I <b>had been working</b> etc       |
| ? | had you <b>been working?</b> etc    |
| x | she <b>had not been working</b> etc |

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples and think about when we use the past perfect progressive instead of the (simple) past perfect.

All the roads were blocked: it **had been snowing** all night long.  
 After I **had been walking** for an hour, I decided to have a rest.  
 She fell ill because she **had been working** too hard.  
 Mary could see that the child **had been crying** for some time.

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 Look at these diagrams. Which one represents the (simple) past perfect, and which represents the past perfect progressive? Check your answers in the key.



- 3 Complete the text with past perfect progressives: choose verbs from the box.

drive	lie	repair	work
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**John Latton**, 39, an engineer at Felton Plastics in Upton, had a lucky escape after an accident on the A34 in the early hours of the morning. Mr Latton fell asleep while driving and crashed into a pile of sand left by workers who <sup>1</sup> the road.

When he left Felton Plastics at

3.00 this morning, Mr Latton <sup>2</sup> for 72 hours without any sleep.

A passing motorist discovered the accident after the engineer <sup>3</sup> in his car with a broken leg for half an hour. Ambulance workers said that if Mr Latton <sup>4</sup> any faster his injuries might have been much worse.

**4 Read the story.**

On Tuesday afternoon, everyone in my family was very busy – except me. During the afternoon Helen repaired her car; John practised his karate; Kate did some gardening; Stephanie played tennis; Roger swam for half an hour; Pam went horse-riding; Philip painted the ceiling in his room light blue. I spent the afternoon sitting reading.

**Now answer the questions.**

- 1 Who had black grease on her hands at teatime? Why?  
*Helen, because she had been repairing her car*
  - 2 Who had dirt on her hands and knees? Why?
  - 3 Who was wearing a short white skirt? Why?
  - 4 Who was wearing a white jacket and trousers and a black belt? Why?
  - 5 Who was wearing high boots and a hard hat? Why?
  - 6 Whose hair had light blue streaks in it? Why?
  - 7 Whose hair was all wet? Why?
- 5 In a murder investigation, some suspects were asked by police what they had been doing at eight o'clock the previous evening. They all told lies. Write sentences to explain what they told the police they had been doing, and what they had actually been doing. Example:

*Mrs Oliver said she had been reading, but actually she had been watching the neighbours through binoculars.*

NAME	TOLD POLICE HAD BEEN DOING	TRUTH
Mrs Oliver	reading	watching neighbours through binoculars
Mr Lucas	watching TV	stealing cars
Mrs Allen	talking on the phone	making a bomb
Mr Nash	washing clothes	forging £5 notes
Alice	playing cards	selling drugs
Pete	studying chemistry	fighting
Aunt Jane	writing letters	planning a bank robbery
Miss Fry	washing her hair	out dancing with her sister's boyfriend
Rob	painting his flat	playing roulette

## perfect tenses with **this is the first etc**

We use a **simple present perfect** tense in sentences with **this/it/that is the first/second/third/only/best/worst** etc.

*This is the first time that I've **heard** her sing.*

(NOT ~~*This is the first time that I **hear** her sing.*~~)

*This is the fifth time you've **asked** me the same question.*

(NOT ~~*This is the fifth time you **ask** ...*~~)

*That's the third cake you've **eaten** this morning.*

*It's one of the most interesting books I've ever **read**.*

### 1 Complete the sentences correctly.

- 1 This is the first time I (*see this film*).
- 2 That's the eighth time you (*sing that song*) today.
- 3 This is the only time this week I (*feel happy*).
- 4 This is the third serious mistake you (*make*) in this job.
- 5 This is the only time I (*ever see*) her cry.
- 6 That's the tenth cup of coffee you (*drink*) since breakfast.
- 7 It's the first time all the family (*be together*) since Sue's wedding.
- 8 This is the best meal I (*eat*) this year.
- 9 'Excuse me.' 'That's the first thing you (*say*) to me all day.'
- 10 These are the first clothes I (*buy*) myself since Christmas.

When we talk about the **past**, we use a **past perfect tense** in these structures.

*It was the third time he **had been** in love that year.*

(NOT ~~*It was the third time he **was** in love ...*~~)

### 2 Read the text and make sentences beginning **It was the first time**.

**Example:**

*It was the first time he **had been** away from home.*

John didn't enjoy his first week in the army. He had never been away from home before; he had never worn uniform; he had never had to make his own bed; he had never cleaned his own boots; he had never fired a gun, and he hated the noise; he had never walked more than a mile.

**Can you make some more examples?**

## past and progressive in requests etc

**Past tenses** can make requests, questions and suggestions **more polite**.  
(They sound less direct than present tenses.)

*I **wondered** if you **were** free this evening.  
How much **did** you **want** to spend, sir?*

The past modal forms **would**, **could** and **might** are often used in this way.

*I **thought** it **would** be nice to have a picnic.  
**Could** I ask you to translate this for me?  
You **might** see if the consulate can help you.*

**Past progressives** can make requests less direct, and so **more polite**.

*I **was wondering** if I **might** use your phone.*

In other kinds of sentence, **present progressives** can sound **casual and friendly**.

*We're **hoping** you'll come and stay with us soon.  
I'm **looking** forward to hearing from you.*

### ▲ 1 Make these sentences less direct.

- 1 How many days do you intend to stay? ( → *past*)
- 2 I hope you can lend me £10.  
( → *past progressive and past modal*)
- 3 I wonder if you have two single rooms.  
( → *past progressive and past*)
- 4 Are you looking for anything special?  
( → *past progressive*)
- 5 Can you give me a hand? ( → *past modal*)
- 6 I look forward to seeing you again.  
( → *present progressive*)
- 7 I think I'll borrow your bike for the afternoon,  
if that's OK. ( → *past progressive and past modal*)
- 8 We can ask Peter to help us. ( → *past modal*)
- 9 I wonder if I can ask you a small favour.  
( → *past progressive and past modal*)
- 10 I think it will be a good idea to invite Simon.  
( → *past and past modal*)



'Hi! I thought you'd be sick  
of chocolates and flowers.'

Another way of making requests **less direct** is to use a **future verb form**.

*I'm afraid you'll **need** to fill in this form.  
I'll **have** to ask you to wait a minute.*

# revision of **past and perfect tenses**

## **1 Choose the right tenses (present perfect, past or past perfect; simple or progressive).**

- 1 Reports are coming in that a train (*crash*) near Birmingham. According to eyewitnesses, it (*hit*) a concrete block which somebody (*put*) on the line.
- 2 Halfway to the office Paul (*turn*) round and (*go*) back home. because he (*forget*) to turn the gas off.
- 3 I (*do*) housework all day today. I (*clean*) every room in the house.
- 4 I (*lie*) in bed thinking about getting up when the doorbell (*ring*).
- 5 It wasn't surprising that she (*start*) getting toothache. She (*not go*) to the dentist for two years.
- 6 I (*play*) a lot of bridge recently.
- 7 When I (*get*) home everybody (*watch*) TV.
- 8 We (*not see*) your mother for ages.
- 9 How long (*you learn*) English?
- 10 London (*change*) a lot since we first (*come*) to live here.
- 11 'How many times (*you see*) this film?' 'This is the first time I (*see*) it.'
- 12 'Who's that?' 'I (*never see*) him before in my life.'
- 13 I hear Joe (*get*) married last summer.
- 14 I (*often wonder*) where she (*get*) her money.
- 15 (*You read*) Pam Marshall's latest book?
- 16 They (*just discover*) a new fuel it's half the price of petrol, and much cleaner.
- 17 (*You hear*) the storm last night?
- 18 My sister (*be*) married three times.
- 19 While she (*talk*) on the phone the children (*start*) fighting and (*break*) a window.
- 20 He used to talk to us for hours about all the interesting things he (*do*) in his life.
- 21 You know, she (*stand*) looking at that picture for the last twenty minutes.
- 22 The old cross (*stand*) on top of the hill as long as anybody can remember.
- 23 I (*spend*) a lot of time travelling since I (*get*) this new job.
- 24 When I (*be*) at school we all (*study*) Latin.
- 25 After he (*finish*) breakfast he (*sit*) down to write some letters.
- 26 When I (*meet*) him he (*work*) as a waiter for a year or so.
- 27 I (*never learn*) to ski.
- 28 (*you finish*) with the bathroom yet?
- 29 We (*live*) in Scotland until I (*be*) eighteen.
- 30 She (*have*) a hard life, but she's always smiling.



## 2 Choose the right tenses (present perfect, past or past perfect; simple or progressive).

### Going to the Pictures

That afternoon we all (1 *get*) ready to go to the pictures. We (2 *get*) a 63 bus to take us to the Elephant and Castle, because the pictures are just next door. There (3 *be*) a great big queue waiting to go in and we (4 *be*) at the very back. Soon we (5 *get*) in. The picture (6 *already start*) and it was very dark in there. We had to go down some stairs to get to our seats but instead of walking down them we (7 *fall*) down them. Soon we were in our seats. We (8 *sit*) there watching the film when something (9 *hit*) me on the head. It was an ice-cream tub. I (10 *turn*) round to see who it was and a little boy who (11 *sit*) two rows behind me said, 'I am very sorry. It wasn't meant to hit you. It was meant to hit the boy in front.'

*Anonymous child*

### The Little Girl and the Wolf

One afternoon a big wolf (12 *wait*) in a dark forest for a little girl to come along carrying a basket of food to her grandmother. Finally a little girl did come along and she (13 *carry*) a basket of food. 'Are you carrying that basket to your grandmother?' asked the wolf. The little girl said yes, she was. So the wolf (14 *ask*) her where her grandmother lived and the little girl (15 *tell*) him and he (16 *disappear*) into the wood.

When the little girl (17 *open*) the door of her grandmother's house she (18 *see*) that there was somebody in bed with a nightcap and nightgown on. She (19 *approach*) no nearer than twenty-five feet from the bed when she (20 *see*) that it was not her grandmother but the wolf, for even in a nightcap a wolf does not look in the least like anybody's grandmother. So the little girl (21 *take*) an automatic pistol out of her basket and (22 *shoot*) the wolf dead.

Moral: It is not so easy to fool little girls nowadays as it used to be.

*James Thurber: Fables for Our Time (adapted)*

### Rioting students battle against police

May 7 (1968). In the last two days, Paris (23 *see*) the worst street fighting since the Liberation in 1944. Up to 30.000 students, locked out of their own campus yesterday by the Sorbonne rector, Jean Roche, (24 *fight*) the tear gas of the riot police with barricades, bricks, paving stones and Molotov cocktails.

The trouble (25 *be*) fermenting for some time. On March 20, six students (26 *be*) arrested after an anti-American demonstration; the next day, a mass sit-in at the Nanterre campus (27 *begin*). Last Friday, the police – whose alleged brutality is said to have sparked off the violence – forcibly evicted the students, who were led by Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

All day yesterday, the Latin Quarter (28 *be*) the arena for running street fights centred on the Boulevard St Germain.

3 Complete the cartoon captions with the expressions from the box, and put in the right tenses.

another bit of metal, Maureen  
 Could you tell us, please, where we (go)?  
 I (start) leaving my husband an hour ago.  
 (do) this job, is it?  
 this fear of heights, Mr Winthrop?  
 what, exactly, (you do)?  
 you (die).  
 All his batteries (run) down.



A Look, Mary, I must go;



B How long (you have)



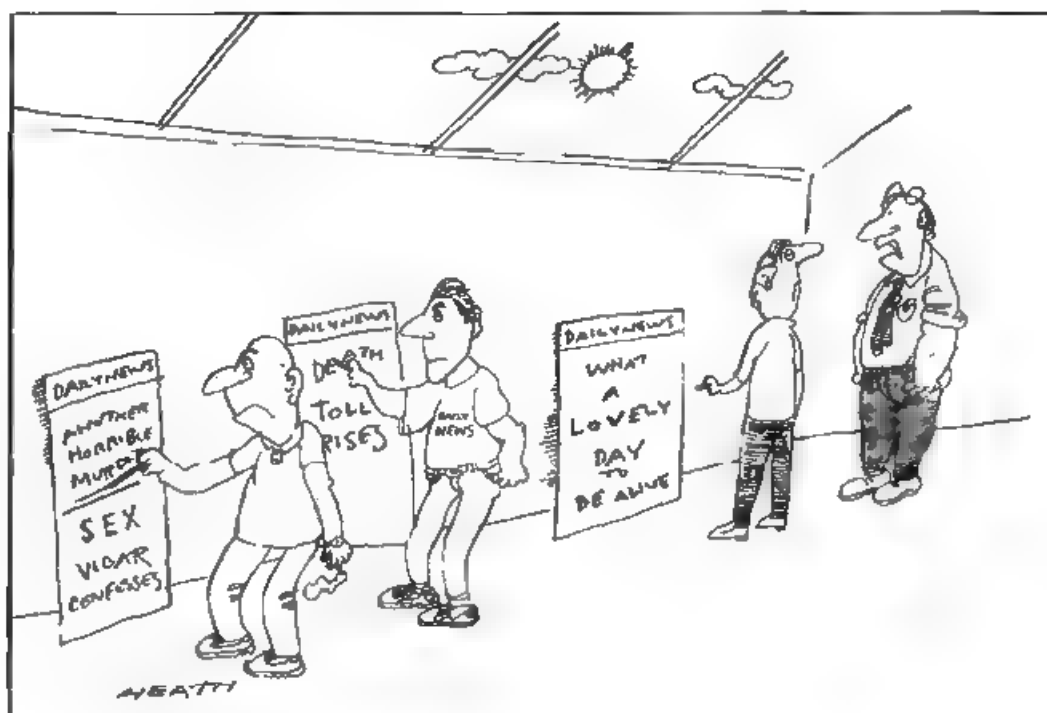
C You (book) us a holiday abroad during the summer:



D I (find)



E Good Lord, Fenton, I had no idea



F First time you



G Perhaps I could help you choose, sir -



H He has nothing to do.

# passive structures

PASSIVE TENSE	STRUCTURE	EXAMPLE
simple present	<i>am/are/is + past participle</i>	English <b>is spoken</b> here.
present progressive	<i>am/are/is being + pp</i>	Excuse the mess: the house <b>is being painted</b> .
simple past	<i>was/were + pp</i>	I <b>wasn't invited</b> , but I went.
past progressive	<i>was/were being + pp</i>	I felt I <b>was being watched</b> .
present perfect	<i>have/has been + pp</i>	<b>Has Mary been told?</b>
past perfect	<i>had been + pp</i>	I knew I <b>had been forgotten</b> .
will future	<i>will be + pp</i>	You'll <b>be told</b> soon.
future perfect	<i>will have been + pp</i>	Everything <b>will have been done</b> by Tuesday.
<i>going to future</i>	<i>am/are/is going to be + pp</i>	Who's <b>going to be invited?</b>

Examples of passive infinitives: *(to) be told*; *(to) have been taken*.

Examples of passive -ing forms: *being told*; *having been taken*.

Future progressive passives (*will be being + pp*) and perfect progressive passives (e.g. *has been being + pp*) are unusual.

Two-word verbs can have passive forms (e.g. *The meeting has been put off*).

## 1 Find the passive verbs in this text. What tenses are they?

IN DENMARK, 24 people were left hanging upside down when a roller coaster car made an unscheduled stop.

The passengers were stranded 60 ft in the air for 20 minutes before firemen arrived with ladders.

An official for the fairground, at Aalborg in Western Denmark, said the riders had been firmly locked in and had not been in danger.

'They were given their money back,' the official said.

The subject of a passive verb corresponds to the object of an active verb.

Passive: **SUBJECT** This house **was built** in 1486.

Active: They **built** this house in 1486.

OBJECT

**SUBJECT** German **is spoken** in Austria.

Austrians **speak** German.

OBJECT

## 2 Write passive sentences.

- 1 Chinese (*speak*) in Singapore.
- 2 The Taj Mahal (*build*) around 1640.
- 3 The new hospital (*open*) next year.
- 4 She (*interview*) now.
- 5 I realised I (*follow*).
- 6 (*you invite*) to Andy's party?
- 7 He found that all his money (*steal*).
- 8 These computers (*make*) in Korea.
- 9 Passengers (*ask*) not to speak to the driver.
- 10 Sorry about the noise – the road (*mend*).
- 11 The village church (*burn down*) last year.
- 12 A Roman pavement (*just find*) under Oxford Street.

With a passive, we can use **by** + noun if we need to say who does the action.

*This house was built in 1486 by Sir John Latton.*

## 3 Make the sentences passive. Use **by** ... only if it is necessary to say who does/did the action.

- 1 Shakespeare wrote 'Hamlet'.
- 2 'They have arrested her for shoplifting.
- 3 They are repairing your car now.
- 4 People in Chile speak Spanish.
- 5 Has anybody asked Peter?
- 6 My mother made this ring.
- 7 Electricity drives this car.
- 8 Somebody will tell you where to go.
- 9 A drunken motorist knocked her down.
- 10 Liverpool beat Manchester 3–0 yesterday.
- 11 The Chinese invented paper.
- 12 You need hops to make beer.
- 13 They don't sell stamps in bookshops.
- 14 The directors are still considering your application.

## 4 Choose the correct version of the cartoon caption.



'Bad news, Cromwell – you're replaced /  
you're being replaced / you were replaced by a machine.'

## reasons for using passives

### DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 **Rule study.** Read the text and then do the rest of the exercise.

A DRIVER has been sent to jail for 90 days for driving with excess alcohol.

Graham Smith, 29, of North Street, Barton, was stopped by police officers near his home last November and was found to have drunk almost twice the legal limit for drivers. Didcot magistrates heard on Thursday.

Twelve months earlier Smith had been disqualified from driving for three years for drunk-driving.

He was disqualified for twelve months in 1986 for a similar offence.

Mr Peter Jones, defending, said Smith had used the car to visit a sick friend.

He said Smith was depressed after the visit, and went to a pub and drank five or six pints before driving home.

He was caught by police during a routine speed check in Wantage Road, Barton.

**The following expressions in the text have passive verbs. Would it be easy to rewrite the text with active verbs (e.g. ... sent a disqualified driver to jail; police officers stopped Graham Smith)?**

A disqualified driver **has been sent** to jail  
 Graham Smith ... **was stopped** by police officers  
 ... **was found** to have drunk almost twice the legal limit  
 Smith **had been disqualified** from driving  
 He **was banned** for twelve months  
 He **was caught** by police

**Which two rules are best? Check your answers in the key.**

- 1 We use passives when we are interested in **what happens**, not **who it happens to**.
- 2 Passives are common when we are thinking about what **is done** to the person or thing that we are interested in, not about what he/she/it **does**.
- 3 Passives can help us to go on talking about the **same thing**, in cases where an active verb would need an **unwanted new subject**.
- 4 Passives are best in a **formal** style. Actives are more **informal**.

**2 Choose the best way of continuing after each sentence.**

- 1 He lives in a small house. a. Somebody built it about forty years ago.  
b. It was built about forty years ago.
- 2 English is worth learning. a. People speak it in a lot of countries.  
b. It is spoken in a lot of countries.
- 3 He got a sports car, but he didn't like it. a. So he sold it again.  
b. So it was sold again.
- 4 My nephew is an artist. a. He has just painted another picture.  
b. Another picture has just been painted by him.
- 5 The new Virginia Meyer film is marvellous. a. They are showing it at our local cinema. b. It is being shown at our local cinema.

**▲ 3 Choose the best sentence from each pair to build up a continuous text.**

- 1 a. HOW BOOKS ARE MADE  
b. HOW PEOPLE MAKE BOOKS
- 2 a. First of all, the printers print big sheets of paper.  
b. First of all, big sheets of paper are printed.
- 3 a. Each sheet contains the text of a number of pages (e.g. 32).  
b. The text of a number of pages (e.g. 32) is contained in each sheet.
- 4 a. People fold and cut the sheets to produce sections of the book.  
b. The sheets are folded and cut to produce sections of the book.
- 5 a. These sections are called signatures.  
b. We call these sections signatures.
- 6 a. The printers put all the signatures together in the correct order.  
b. All the signatures are put together in the correct order.
- 7 a. Then they are bound together and their edges are trimmed.  
b. Then they bind the signatures together and trim the edges.
- 8 a. Finally, the cover – which has been printed separately – is attached.  
b. Finally, they attach the cover – which they have printed separately.
- 9 a. Now the publishers can publish the book.  
b. Now the book can be published.

**DO IT YOURSELF****4 Change these sentences as in the example. Then think about why this makes them better, and check your answers in the key.**

- 1 That she had not written to her parents for over two years surprised me.  
*I was surprised that she had not written to her parents .*
- 2 That nobody was prepared to take him to hospital shocked us.
- 3 That Mary wanted to tell everybody what to do annoyed me.
- 4 That George rang me up at three o'clock in the morning to tell me he was in love again didn't please me.
- 5 The fact that he looked completely different from the last time I had met him confused me. (*I was confused by ...*)

## passives: verbs with two objects

**Verbs with two objects** (see page 183) have two possible **passive** structures.

### ACTIVE

*They gave **the winner** a prize.*

*They gave **a prize** to the winner.*

### PASSIVE

***The winner** was given a prize.*

***A prize** was given to the winner.*

We choose the structure which fits best with what comes before and after (see page 178). The structure with the **person** as subject is probably more common.

### 1 Change the structure.

- 1 Nothing was sent to me. *I was sent nothing.*
- 2 Papers were brought to us to sign.
- 3 A clock was given to Henry when he retired.
- 4 Stories were read to the children.
- 5 £5,000 is owed to me.
- 6 A new job has been offered to me.
- 7 French is taught to us by Mrs Lee.
- 8 A car has been lent to me for the week.
- 9 A full explanation was promised to us.
- 10 A lot of lies were told to me by the secretary.

### 2 Complete the text with expressions from the box.

had been given	had been told	had never been taught
was given ( <i>twice</i> )	was offered	was promised
was shown	wasn't being paid	was sent

I'll never forget my first day at that office. I 1 to arrive at 8.30, but when I got there the whole place seemed to be empty. I didn't know what to do, because I 2 no information about the building or where I was going to work, so I just waited around until some of the secretaries began to turn up. Finally I 3 a dirty little office on the fifth floor, where I 4 a desk in a corner. Nothing happened for an hour; then I 5 some letters to type on a computer by one of the senior secretaries. This wasn't very successful, because I 6 how to use a computer. (In the letter I 7 when I 8 the job, I 9 computer training, but they'd obviously forgotten about this.) By lunchtime things hadn't got any better, and I decided that I 10 enough to put up with this nonsense, so I walked out and didn't go back.

### 3 Complete these sentences any way you like.

- 1 I was given \_\_\_\_\_ last Christmas / for my last birthday /
- 2 I have often been given \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I have never been given \_\_\_\_\_



# passives: progressive, perfect etc

Further practice on some passive verb forms.

- 1 Present progressive passive.** Imagine you are in a busy hotel at midday. Make sentences to say what is being done, using words from the two boxes and the present progressive passive. Example:

*Beds are being made.*

beds	bills	coffee	drinks	food	luggage	money
new guests	reservations	rooms	tables			

bring down	change	clean	lay	make	order	pay
prepare	serve	take	welcome			

- 2 Present perfect passive.** Imagine that, rich and famous, you return to your old home town after fifty years. A lot of things are different. Make sentences, using words from the boxes and the present perfect passive. Example:

*The Café Royal has been turned into a casino.*

Café Royal	houseboats	new car park	new schools
opera house	old fire station	ring road	station streets
town centre	statue of you	Super Cinema	your house

build	modernise	put up in park	rebuild	widen
turn into casino / floating restaurants / museum / supermarket / theatre / pedestrian precinct				

- 3 Infinitives and -ing forms.** Make some sentences beginning *I (don't) like ... ing* or *I (don't) want to ...*, using verbs from the box. Examples:

*I like being talked to. I don't want to be forgotten.*

admire	criticise	forget	give presents	ignore
invite out	laugh at	like	listen to	look at
need	shout at	take seriously	talk about	talk to
undervalue				

## passives: complex structures

Note these passive structures. They are mostly rather formal.

### A active object complement → passive subject complement

#### ACTIVE

The Queen considered **him a genius**.  
They elected **Mrs Robins President**.  
The others call **him stupid**.  
You've made **me very happy**.

#### PASSIVE

**He** was considered **a genius**.  
**Mrs Robins** was elected **President**.  
**He** is called **stupid** by the others.  
**I** have been made **very happy**.

### B structure with introductory *it*: *It is thought/believed etc that ...*

*It is thought that* the Minister will resign.  
*At the time, it was believed that* illnesses were caused by evil spirits.  
*It is expected that* the company will become profitable in the New Year.

### C subject + passive verb + infinitive

*... is thought/believed/said/asked/seen/made etc to ...*

*She is thought to have left home.*      *He is believed to be in Wales.*  
*They are said to be millionaires.*      *I was asked to help.*

Note that we use *to*-infinitives in the passive after *see*, *hear* and *make*.

*He was seen to enter the bank.*      *I was made to tell them everything.*

### D structure with *there is*: *There is thought/said etc to be ...*

*There are thought to be* fewer than twenty people still living in the village.  
*There were said to be* ghosts in the house, but I never heard anything.

### ▲ 1 Make these sentences passive, using one of the above structures.

- 1 People think the government will fall.
- 2 We appointed Mr Evans secretary.
- 3 The villagers called her a witch.
- 4 People believed that fresh air was bad for sick people.
- 5 Some people say that there are wolves in the mountains.
- 6 Police think the man holding the hostages is heavily armed.
- 7 They say he is in an agitated state.
- 8 Everybody considered her strange.
- 9 We expect that the rate of inflation will rise.
- 10 They say he is somewhere in Germany.
- 11 Somebody saw Harris leave the plane in Ontario.
- 12 People think that she died in a plane crash
- 13 People believed that the earth was the centre of the universe.
- 14 They think that there is oil under Windsor Castle.
- 15 They made me give them details of my bank accounts.

# verbs with two objects

Many verbs can have **two objects** – one direct and one indirect.  
Usually the **indirect object** refers to a **person**, and this often comes **first**.

*He gave his wife a camera. I wish you a Merry Christmas.*

If we put the **indirect object** last, we use a preposition (usually **to** or **for**).

*I passed my licence to the policeman.*

*Mother bought the ice cream for you, not for me.*

## 1 Change the structure. Examples:

*I gave my sister some flowers.*

*I gave some flowers to my sister.*

*Let me make some tea for you.*

*Let me make you some tea.*

- 1 Could you send me the bill?
- 2 I've bought a present for you.
- 3 Leave me some potatoes.
- 4 I lent Bill £5 yesterday.
- 5 Show Granny your picture.
- 6 Read the letter to me, will you?
- 7 She teaches adults French.
- 8 I took the report to Mrs Samuels.
- 9 Would you get me a beer?
- 10 We owe £20,000 to the bank.



*Ronald Searle*

'Get me the Zoo, please, Miss Winterton.'

## 2 Write five sentences with two objects beginning *I would like to give/send ...*, using verbs from the box.

### Common verbs with two objects:

bring	buy	cost	get	give	leave	lend	make	offer
owe	pass	pay	play	promise	read	refuse	send	show
sing	take	teach	tell	wish	write			

**Explain, say, suggest** and **describe** do not have the **indirect object** first.

*Can you explain the plan to us?* (NOT *Can you explain us the plan?*)

*I've come to say goodbye to you.* (NOT *...to say you goodbye.*)

*I suggested a new method to her.* (NOT *I suggested her a new method.*)

*Describe your wife to me.* (NOT *Describe me your wife.*)

# verbs with prepositions and particles

## PREPOSITIONS:

after at during for from into of out of to  
with without

## (ADVERB) PARTICLES:

ahead aside away back forward home out

## BOTH PREPOSITIONS AND PARTICLES:

about across along (a)round before behind by  
down in inside near off on outside over  
past through under up

English has many **two-word verbs**, made up of a **verb** and a **small word** like **at**, **in**, **on**, **up**. Two-word verbs are very common in an informal style.

### ▲ 1 Match the two-word verbs and the more formal one-word verbs.

**Example:**

look for seek

blow up	break up	get up	give up	go away
go into	look for	put off	send back	talk about
think over	turn up			

abandon	arrive	consider	discuss	disintegrate
enter	explode	leave	postpone	return
				rise seek

The small word in a two-word verb may be a **preposition** or an **adverb particle**. (A good dictionary will tell you which.) There are some differences.

#### VERB + PREPOSITION

**Look at this.**

**Don't sit on that chair.**

**She climbed up the ladder.**

**I fell in the river.**

**He got off the bus.**

#### VERB + ADVERB PARTICLE

**Look out!**

**Sit down.**

**She cut the wood up / cut up the wood.**

**I filled the form in. / I filled in the form.**

**Switch the light off. / Switch off the light.**

**DO IT YOURSELF****2 Which three rules are correct? Check your answers in the key.**

- 1 Verbs with prepositions are normally followed by objects.
- 2 Some verbs with prepositions don't have objects.
- 3 Verbs with adverb particles are normally followed by objects.
- 4 Some verbs with adverb particles don't have objects.
- 5 Prepositions can come just after their objects.
- 6 Adverb particles can come just after their objects.

**An adverb particle must go after a pronoun object.**

*She cut **it up**.* (NOT *She cut ~~up it~~.*)      *Switch **it off**.* (NOT *Switch ~~off it~~.*)

Compare the word order with a preposition and a pronoun object.

*She climbed **up it**.* (NOT *She climbed ~~it up~~.*)      *He got **off it**.*

**▲ 3 Change the object to a pronoun; change the word order if necessary. Examples:**

Sit on the wall. → *Sit on it.*

Switch on the light. → *Switch it on.*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 We talked about the accident. ( <i>preposition</i> ) | 6 She put the dress on. ( <i>adv. part.</i> )     |
| 2 I put off the meeting. ( <i>adverb particle</i> )    | 7 I'm looking for my bag. ( <i>prep.</i> )        |
| 3 Could you look after the children? ( <i>prep.</i> )  | 8 I wrote down the address. ( <i>adv. part.</i> ) |
| 4 We broke off our relationship. ( <i>adv. part.</i> ) | 9 I sent the steak back. ( <i>adv. part.</i> )    |
| 5 Can you clean up the kitchen? ( <i>adv. part.</i> )  | 10 I stood on the table. ( <i>prep.</i> )         |

**▲ 4 Look at the adverb particles in the following sentences, and choose the best meaning from the box for each one.**

away	further	higher	into pieces	louder	quieter
on paper	to various people	working	not working		

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 He drove off.              | 6 I've sent out the invitations. |
| 2 Write it down.             | 7 Go on.                         |
| 3 The heater's off.          | 8 Prices are going up.           |
| 4 Turn the radio down.       | 9 Is the printer on?             |
| 5 Can you cut up the onions? | 10 Who turned the music up?      |

**Note the position of prepositions and particles in passive sentences: after the main verb. (See also page 292.)**

*Their wedding has been **put off**.*

*All the lights were **switched on**.*

*She likes to be **looked at**.*

*He's already been **spoken to**.*

Some verbs have both prepositions and particles: e.g. *get on with*, *look out for*.

# structures with **get**

**Get** has different meanings in different structures.

Where can I **get** some stamps?

It's **getting** late.

What time do you usually **get up**?

She **got** a letter from her mother.

The problem is **getting** worse.

It takes me an hour to **get to** work.

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples above, and decide which structure goes with which meaning. Check your answer in the key.

STRUCTURES	MEANINGS
get + direct object	move, change position
get + adjective	receive, obtain, fetch, buy ...
get + adverb particle / preposition	become

- 2 Can you match the expressions with **get** and their more formal equivalents? Example:

*get older – age*

get across	get better	get bigger	get off	get older	
get on	get out of	get over	get smaller	get to	get up

age	alight from, leave (public transport)			
board (public transport)	cross	decrease, shrink		
improve	increase, grow	leave	reach	recover from
rise (from bed)				

- 3 Complete the sentences using expressions with **get**.

- My English is \_\_\_\_ing \_\_\_\_.
- Ann \_\_\_\_ her car and drove away.
- \_\_\_\_ the bus opposite the cinema, and \_\_\_\_ at the second stop.
- What are you doing in my room? \_\_\_\_!
- If you go out in the rain without a coat, you'll \_\_\_\_.
- If you don't put on a sweater, you'll \_\_\_\_.
- I don't want to \_\_\_\_; I'm going to die young.
- If I don't have breakfast, I \_\_\_\_ really \_ \_ about eleven o'clock.
- I'm \_\_\_\_ing \_\_\_\_\_. I think I'll go to bed.
- It \_\_\_\_ very early in winter.

**Get is often used with a past participle.**

Common expressions:

*get dressed    get changed    get lost    get married*  
*get divorced    get broken    get drowned*

This structure can be similar to a passive verb.

*Joe got arrested for drunken driving last week. (= ... was arrested ...)*

*They had a dog, but it got run over.*

*We never get invited anywhere.*

**4 Put together the beginnings and ends, using a structure with *get* + past participle. Example:**

*'Ann and Bill are getting divorced.'* *'But they've only been married a year.'*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
'Ann and Bill are ( <i>divorce</i> ).'	'But they've only been married a year.'
'Shall we go swimming?'	'Eight o'clock.'
'What time do the animals ( <i>feed</i> )?'	'OK. I'll just go and ( <i>change</i> ).'
Every time he goes walking in the country	and go to bed.
His glasses ( <i>break</i> )	but we ( <i>cut off</i> ).
I was talking to her on the phone	he ( <i>lose</i> ).
I'm going to ( <i>undress</i> )	in the fight.
If you leave your bag there,	it'll ( <i>steal</i> ).
That child takes an hour	next April.
They're going to ( <i>marry</i> )	to ( <i>dress</i> ) in the morning.

**We can often add a direct object to structures with *get*. Compare:**

*Get out of here!*

*I can't get warm.*

*You'd better get dressed.*

*Get him out of here!*

*I can't get my feet warm.*

*You'd better get that child dressed.*



*'I still say she's too young to get married.'*

# infinitives

There are **simple**, **progressive**, **perfect** and **passive** infinitives, with and without **to** (see page 190).

SIMPLE:	<i>I want <b>to see</b> the manager.</i>	<i>It <b>may rain</b>.</i>
PROGRESSIVE:	<i>It's nice <b>to be sitting</b> here.</i>	<i>You <b>must be joking</b>.</i>
PERFECT:	<i>I'm glad <b>to have seen</b> her.</i>	<i>She <b>could have told</b> us.</i>
PASSIVE:	<i>She likes <b>to be liked</b>.</i>	<i>It <b>will be posted</b> today.</i>

There are also perfect progressive and perfect passive infinitives.

PERFECT PROGRESSIVE:	<i>I'd like <b>to have been sitting</b> there when she walked in.</i>
PERFECT PASSIVE:	<i>You <b>could have been killed</b>.</i>

**Negative infinitives** are made with **not (to)**.

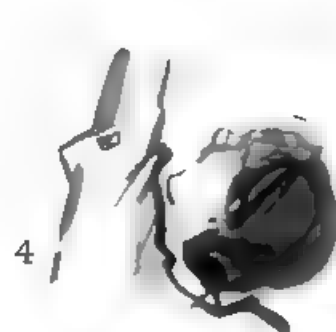
*Try **not to be** late. (NOT ~~Try to don't be~~ late.)*  
*I'm sorry **not to have phoned**.*  
*You **should not worry**.*

## 1 Put in the right kind of infinitive.

- 1 I ought (work) right now.
- 2 Your watch will (repair) by Tuesday.
- 3 I'd like (go) home early today.
- 4 I'd like (see) her face when she opened the letter.
- 5 She must (have) a shower – I can hear the water running.
- 6 It's important (listen) to people.
- 7 She hopes (choose) for the national team.
- 8 Try (not be) back late.
- 9 You should (tell) me you were ill.
- 10 He doesn't like (interrupt) while he's working.

## 2 Say what you think the woman in the pictures is doing. Begin *She could/may/must be ...ing* or *She seems to be ...ing*. Example:

1 *She may be cycling.*





## perfect infinitives (to have gone etc)

**Perfect infinitives have the same kind of meaning as perfect or past tenses.**

*I'm glad **to have left** school. (= ... that I **have left** school.)*

*She was sorry **not to have seen** Bill. (= ... that **she had not seen** Bill.)*

*We hope **to have finished** the job soon. (= ... that **we will have finished** ...)*

*I seem **to have annoyed** Anne yesterday. (= It seems that I **annoyed** ...)*

### 1 Rewrite these sentences using perfect infinitives.

- 1 I'm glad I've met you.
- 2 I was sorry I had disturbed him.
- 3 I expect I'll have passed all my exams by June.
- 4 It seems that you made a mistake. (*You seem ...*)
- 5 I'm happy that I've had a chance to talk to you.
- 6 I was disappointed that I had missed the party.
- 7 It seems that she's got lost.
- 8 She was pleased that she had found the house.

**With *was/were*, *would like* and *meant*, perfect infinitives often refer to unreal situations that are the opposite of what really happened.**

*He **was to have gone** to art college but he fell ill. (He didn't go.)*

*I **d like to have been sitting** there when she walked in. (I wasn't there.)*

*I **meant to have telephoned** but I forgot.*

### 2 Rewrite the sentences as shown.

- 1 She didn't marry a friend of her parents. (*was to*)  
*She **was to have married** a friend of her parents.*
- 2 I didn't see his face when he realised what had happened. (*would like to*)
- 3 He didn't finish all his work by three o'clock. (*mean*)
- 4 We didn't spend a week skiing. (*were to*)
- 5 It wasn't the happiest week of my life. (*was to*)
- 6 She didn't say goodbye to everybody before she left. (*mean*)
- 7 I didn't live in the seventeenth century. (*would like*)
- 8 He didn't play in the Cup Final. (*was to*)

For perfect infinitives after modals (e.g. *should have gone*), see page 122.

# infinitive with and without to

We use the **infinitive without to** after the **modal verbs** *can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will* and *would*, and after *had better* and *needn't*.

**Could** you **help** me? (NOT ~~Could you to help me?~~)

You **should** **try** to forget about it.

'**Can** I **give** you a lift?' 'No, thanks, I'd rather **walk**.'

She'd **better** **go** home now.

You **needn't** **worry**.

Note also the structure with *Why (not) ...?*

**Why** **worry**?

**Why not** **give** him socks for Christmas?

In most other cases, we use the infinitive with *to*.

I **want to have** a rest. (NOT ~~I want have a rest.~~)

It's **necessary to plan** carefully. (NOT ~~It's necessary plan carefully.~~)

The infinitive with *to* is used after the modal verb *ought*.

We **ought to see** if Pat's OK.

## 1 Change the sentences as shown.

- 1 I couldn't understand the timetable. (*wasn't able*)  
*I wasn't able to understand the timetable.*
- 2 It's important to eat enough. (*You should*)
- 3 I'd like to go sailing this summer. (*I might*)
- 4 She will probably get married in June. (*She expects*)
- 5 I said I would help her. (*I agreed*)
- 6 It's necessary to make careful plans. (*We must*)
- 7 Perhaps he's ill. (*He seems*)
- 8 I want to change my job. (*I wish I could*)
- 9 I may come and see you next week. (*I hope*)
- 10 You don't need to apologise. (*You needn't*)
- 11 They will open a new branch in North London. (*They have decided*)
- 12 I will certainly pay you on Saturday. (*I promise*)
- 13 I couldn't find the ticket office. (*I didn't manage*)
- 14 I prefer to go by myself. (*I would rather*)
- 15 She said she wouldn't see him again. (*She refused*)
- 16 I can play chess. (*I've learnt*)

# I don't want to etc

We can use *to* for the infinitive of a **repeated verb**, if the meaning is clear.

'Are you moving?' 'We **hope to**.' (= ... 'We hope **to move**.')

'Come and dance.' 'I **don't want to**.'

I **don't play tennis**, but I **used to**.

'You made Ann cry.' 'I **didn't mean to**.'

## 1 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
'Ann really upset Granny.'	but we can't afford to.
'Are you enjoying your new job?'	'He seems to.'
'Can I see you home?'	'I don't really want to – it's too cold.'
'Can you mend this by Tuesday?'	'I intend to. They can't go on keeping the whole street awake every night.'
'Did you get my coat from the cleaner's?'	'I'd like to, but I'm working late.'
'Do you collect stamps?'	'I'll try to, but I can't promise.'
'Do you think he knows what he's doing?'	'I'm sure she didn't mean to.'
'Do you want to come out with us tonight?'	'If you'd like to.'
'Does she think she'll win?'	'No, but I used to.'
'How would you and Sue like to spend the weekend with us?'	'Sorry, I forgot to.'
'I think you ought to see the police about the people next door.'	'We don't need to – there's always plenty of room.'
'Shall we go swimming?'	'We'd love to.'
'Should we book seats in advance?'	'Well, I'm starting to.'
We'd like to move to a bigger house,	'Yes, she expects to.'

We cannot usually drop *to*.

'Come and have a drink.' 'I'd **like to**.' (NOT '~~I'd like~~')

But we can drop *to* in the expressions *if you like/want*, *when you like/want* and *as you like*.

'Can I help?' 'If **you like**.'      We'll stop **when you want**.



*Heather Poston*  
'I can say we live in a fascist state if  
I want to. It's a free country.'

# infinitive of purpose

We can use an **infinitive** to say **why somebody does something**.

*She sat down **to rest**. (NOT ... ~~for rest~~. OR ... ~~for resting~~.)*

*In order to ... and so as to ... are common before **be**, **know** and **have**; and before other verbs in a more formal style.*

*I got up early **in order to be** ready to leave at eight.*

*She studied English **in order to have** a better chance of getting a job.*

*I came to Britain **so as to know** more about British culture.*

*In order and so as are normal before **not to**.*

*I spoke quietly **so as not to** frighten her. (NOT ~~I spoke quietly not to ...~~)*

## 1 Write sentences to say why people go to some of the following places. Begin You go ...

- 1 a library You go to a library to borrow books
- 2 a bookshop
- 3 a cinema
- 4 a theatre
- 5 a swimming pool
- 6 a gymnasium
- 7 a driving school
- 8 a station
- 9 an airport
- 10 a travel agent's
- 11 a church
- 12 a football stadium
- 13 a bank
- 14 a post office
- 15 a restaurant
- 16 a supermarket
- 17 a garage
- 18 a newsagent



## 2 Write a sentence to say why you are learning English. (To get a better job? To study something else? To travel? To ...?) If you can work with other students, find out why they are learning English.

# interested and interesting etc

**Interested, bored, excited** etc say how people feel.

**Interesting, boring, exciting** etc describe the people or things that cause the feelings.

*I was very **interested** in the lesson. (NOT ~~I was very interesting~~ ...)*

*His lessons are always **interesting**. (NOT ~~His lessons are ... interested~~.)*

*Do you ever get **bored** at work?*

*My job's pretty **boring**.*

## 1 Complete the words.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 I was surpris_____ to see Ann there.   | 9 We were shock_____ to hear about your brother. |
| 2 It was surpris_____ to see her.        | 10 The news was really shock_____.               |
| 3 I find this work very tir_____.        | 11 His explanations are confus_____.             |
| 4 It makes me tir_____.                  | 12 Listening to him, I got confus_____.          |
| 5 Her exam results were disappoint_____. | 13 I get annoy_____ when people break promises.  |
| 6 She was pretty disappoint_____.        | 14 It's annoy_____ when that happens.            |
| 7 She was excit_____ about her new job.  |  |
| 8 It was an excit_____ new challenge.    |  |

## ▲ 2 Look at the cartoon. Who is boring?



'No really, your husband's right, it is late and we must go.'

## 3 What are the people interested in? Make sentences. Example:

*An astronomer is interested in the stars*

astronomer	botanist	cook	doctor	explorer	fashion designer
geographer	historian	linguist	mathematician	zoologist	

animals	clothes	food	languages	medicine	numbers	places
plants	the past	the stars	travel			

# -ing forms as subjects, objects etc

We can use **-ing forms** as **subjects, objects or complements**.

**Smoking** is bad for you. (subject)

I hate **packing**. (object)

My favourite activity is **reading**. (complement)

An **-ing form** can have its own object.

**Smoking cigarettes** is bad for you.

I hate **packing suitcases**.

My favourite activity is **reading poetry**.

1 Complete the sentences with **-ing forms** of the verbs in the box.

answer	climb	drink	forget	hear	learn	lie
pay	say	ski	type	watch		

- 1 \_\_\_ too much alcohol is very bad for you.
- 2 I don't like \_\_\_ bills.
- 3 He really enjoys \_\_\_ his own voice.
- 4 What's wrong with \_\_\_ in bed all day?
- 5 Her favourite sports are \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ mountains.
- 6 \_\_\_ languages is hard work.
- 7 I hate \_\_\_ goodbye.
- 8 \_\_\_ is better than remembering.
- 9 \_\_\_ animals can teach you a lot.
- 10 'What's your job?' '\_\_\_ the phone and \_\_\_ letters.'

2 If you can work with other students, find out what their favourite activities are. They should use **...ing** in their answers.

**That's not writing,  
that's typing.**

*Capote's criticism of Kerouac*

**Writing is nothing more  
than a guided dream.**

*J.L. Borges*

**Writing is easy; all you  
do is sit staring at a  
blank sheet of paper  
until the drops of blood  
form on your forehead.**

*Gene Fowler*

**First I write one  
sentence: then I write  
~~more than one sentence~~  
write. And so I go on.  
But I have a feeling  
writing ought to be like  
running through a field.**

*L. Strachey*

**There are three rules  
for writing the novel.  
Unfortunately, no one  
knows what they are.**

*W. Somerset Maugham*

**All good writing is  
swimming under water  
and holding your breath.**

*F. Scott Fitzgerald*

**Writing a book of poetry  
is like dropping a rose  
petal down the Grand  
Canyon and waiting for  
the echo.**

*Don Marquis*

We can use a **determiner** (e.g. *the, this, my*) or a **possessive 's** before an **-ing form**.

*the rebuilding of the cathedral*      Do you mind *my smoking*?  
 I don't like *his borrowing* my things without asking.  
 What's all *this shouting*?  
*John's leaving* home upset everybody.

Object forms are possible instead of possessives, especially after a verb or preposition. They are less formal.

I don't like *him borrowing* my things without asking.  
 She was upset about *John leaving* home.

### 3 Make these sentences less formal.

- 1 Do you mind my asking you a question?
- 2 I do not appreciate your shouting at me.
- 3 I could not understand Pat's wanting to pay for everybody.
- 4 What is the use of their asking all these questions?
- 5 The delay was caused by Peter's needing to see a doctor.
- 6 I was astonished at your expecting us to give you a room.
- 7 The holiday was ruined by Ann's having to go home early.
- 8 She cannot stand my telling her what to do.

**No** is often used with an **-ing form** to say that something is **not allowed**.

NO SMOKING      NO PARKING      NO WAITING



Ronald Searle

'Sorry sir, no smoking in the museum.'

For more about **-ing forms** after verbs, nouns and adjectives, see pages 199–209.

## preposition + -ing

We use **-ing** forms after prepositions.

*You can only live for a few days **without drinking**.*

(NOT ... ~~without to drink~~.)

- 1 Make ten or more sentences from the table. You can use the same preposition in more than one sentence. Example:**

*Are you interested in coming to Greece with us?*

Are you interested	about	answering that child's questions.
Do you feel	as well as	changing her job, but I don't think she will.
Do you have time to do anything else	at	coming to Greece with us?
He insisted	besides	convincing the police that she was not a burglar.
He passed his exams	for	cooking.
How	in	disturbing you.
I apologise	in spite of	eating.
I like walking	instead of	going out to a restaurant tonight?
I sometimes dream	like	having time to read all my books.
I'm fed up	of	helping me?
I'm not capable	on	looking after the children?
I'm tired	with	moving to Canada.
She succeeded	without	not doing any work.
She talked		paying for everything.
She's keen		playing football.
She's very good		seeing George next week.
Thank you		selling things.
We're excited		staying at home?
We're thinking		swimming and dancing.
Why don't you come out with us		telling me the truth.
You can't live		understanding this – it's too difficult.

- 2 Complete this sentence in five or more different ways:**

I couldn't live without \_\_\_\_ ing (\_\_\_\_).

For *after*, *before*, *when*, *while* and *since* + **-ing**, see page 240. For **-ing** after the preposition *to*, see page 198.



# preposition + -ing: special cases

We use **by ...ing** to say **how** – by what **method** or **means** – we do something.

We use **for ...ing** to give the **purpose** of something – to say what it is used for.

**On doing something** (formal) means 'when / as soon as you do something'.

*You can find out somebody's phone number **by looking** in the directory.*

*He made his money **by buying** and selling houses.*

*I've bought some special glue **for mending** broken glass.*

*'What's that funny knife **for**?' 'Opening letters.'*

***On hearing** the fire alarm, go straight to the nearest exit.*

***On arriving** at the office, she noticed that her secretary was absent.*

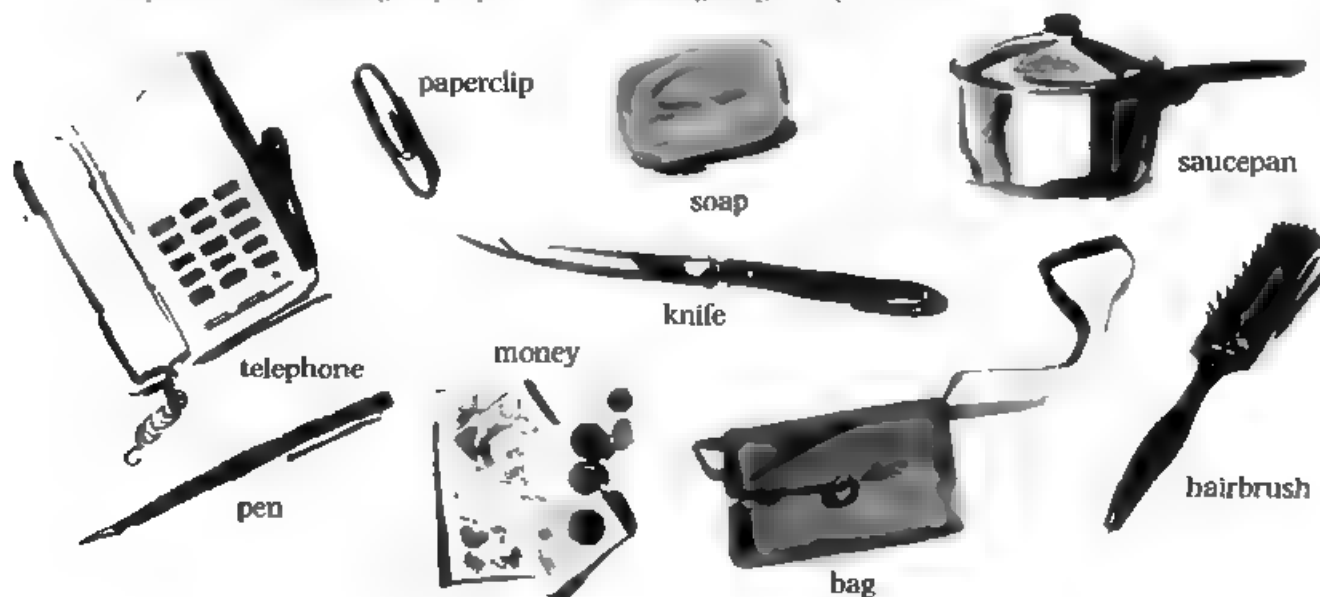
## 1 Find the answers in the box; write them with **by ...ing**.

look in a dictionary	oil it	play loud music	rob a bank
stroke it	switch on the ignition	take an aspirin	
use an extinguisher			

- 1 How do you make a cat happy? *By stroking it.*
- 2 How can you annoy your neighbours?
- 3 How can you get money fast?
- 4 How do you stop a door squeaking?
- 5 How do you find out what a word means?
- 6 How can you cure a headache?
- 7 How can you put a fire out?
- 8 How do you start a car?

## 2 Write sentences to say what these things are for. Example:

*A telephone is for talking to people who are a long way away.*



## 3 Write a sentence beginning **On arriving home yesterday, I ...**

## to ...ing

The preposition **to** is followed by an **-ing** form.

**I look forward to your letter / to hearing from you.** (*To* is a preposition used after *look forward* – it can be followed by a noun or an *-ing* form.)

**Compare: I hope to hear from you.** (*To* is part of the infinitive after *hope*, not a preposition – it couldn't be followed by a noun.)

Other expressions followed by **to ...ing**: *be/get used to*, *object to*.

*If you come to England you'll soon **get used to driving** on the left.*

*I **object to** people **trying** to sell me things over the telephone.*

### DO IT YOURSELF

**1 Choose the best explanation of each expression. Check your answers in the key.**

- 1 I look forward to seeing you.  
A It gives me pleasure to think that I will see you.  
B I know I will see you.  
C I hope I will see you.
- 2 I'm used to driving in London.  
A I drive in London regularly.  
B In the past, I drove in London regularly.  
C I have driven in London so often that it seems easy and natural.
- 3 I object to paying good money for badly made products.  
A This often happens to me.  
B I am not pleased when this happens.  
C I try to stop this happening.

**2 Here are some sentences taken from real conversations. Can you put together the beginnings and ends, using **to ...ing**?**

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Aren't you used ( <i>walk</i> )	back to school.
Starting at half four's no problem -	difficult kids.
I look forward ( <i>receive</i> )	I'm not used ( <i>come</i> ) this way.
I look forward ( <i>see</i> ) you again	I'm used ( <i>get up</i> ) early.
I object ( <i>pay</i> ) for it.	in six months' time.
I'll never get used ( <i>sleep</i> )	It should be free.
I'm not looking forward ( <i>go</i> )	it's hard to be without it.
I'm not sure where to turn.	on the floor.
If you're used ( <i>have</i> ) money,	this far?
Sean's used ( <i>deal</i> ) with	your comments.

For *used to* + infinitive (e.g. *I used to be shy when I was younger*), see page 128.

## verb + infinitive or -ing form

Some verbs are followed by the **infinitives** of other verbs. Example: *want*.

Some verbs are followed by the **-ing forms** of other verbs. Example: *enjoy*.

### DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Do you know which verbs are followed by infinitives and which are followed by **-ing forms**? Make two lists; then check them in the key.

agree	avoid	can't help	
dare	decide	deny	expect
(can't) face	fail	fancy	
feel like	finish	give up	
happen	hope	imagine	
keep (on)	manage	mean	
mind	miss	offer	postpone
practise	prepare	pretend	
promise	put off	refuse	
risk	seem	spend time	
(can't) stand	suggest	wish	

- 2 Put in the correct forms of the verbs.

- 1 You can't help (*like*) him.
- 2 We decided (*stay*) at home.
- 3 We expect (*hear*) from Ann soon.
- 4 Do you fancy (*go*) out tonight?
- 5 I don't feel like (*cook*).
- 6 When do you finish (*study*)?
- 7 I've given up (*smoke*).
- 8 Imagine (*be*) married to her!
- 9 I managed (*find*) a taxi.
- 10 Would you mind (*pass*) the bread?
- 11 I missed (*see*) the beginning of the film.
- 12 She pretended (*be*) ill.
- 13 Don't put off (*see*) the doctor.
- 14 He spends ages (*talk*) on the phone.
- 15 I want (*see*) the manager.
- 16 Do you enjoy (*watch*) football?



'I don't want to go to their party and have a good time. I don't enjoy having a good time.'

Some verbs are followed by **preposition + ...ing**.

*I'm thinking of changing my job. (NOT I'm thinking to change my job.)*

For verbs that can be followed by both infinitives and **ing forms**, see page 204.

# go ...ing

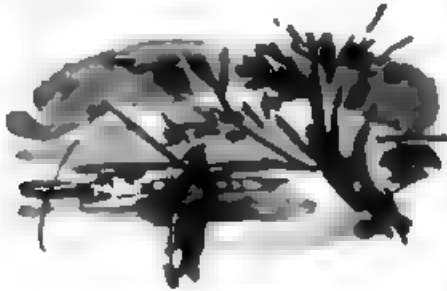
We often use **go ...ing** to talk about **sporting** and **leisure** activities.

Let's **go climbing** next weekend.

Did you **go dancing** last Saturday?

## 1 What can you do in these places?

1



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6



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# need ...ing

*It needs doing* means 'It needs to be done'.

*The car needs washing.* (= ... needs to be washed.)

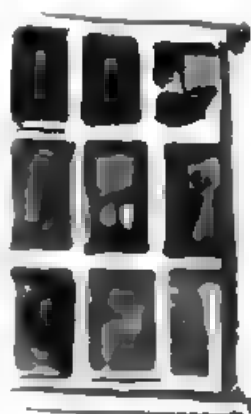
*My shoes need mending.*

- 1 Look at the pictures. What needs doing in each one? Use the words in the box.

clean	cook	cut	make	mend	paint	re-string
service						



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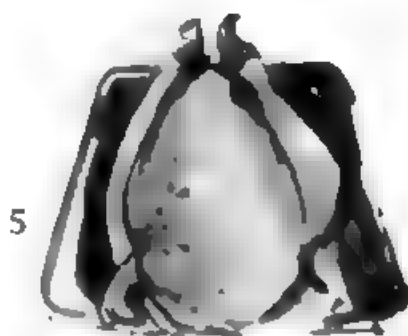
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# verb + object + infinitive

Some verbs can be followed by **object + infinitive**. Examples: *want, prefer*.

*He wants me to wash his socks. (NOT He wants that I wash his socks.)*  
*I would prefer you to pay now.*

Other verbs that can be followed by **object + infinitive**:

advise	allow	ask	can't bear	cause	encourage	
expect	forbid	force	get	help	invite	leave
mean	need	order	persuade	remind	teach	
tell	warn					

**1 Make sentences about Mary, using ... want(s) her to ... Example:**

*Everybody wants her to do something.*

Everybody	Her boss	Her daughter	Her husband
Her mother	Her son	The butcher	The dog
The government	The vicar		

do something	buy her a car	buy him some new clothes	
cook supper	go to church	leave her husband	pay his bill
pay taxes	take him for a walk	work harder	

**2 Change the sentences. Example:**

I told John 'I think you should stop smoking'. (*advise*)  
*I advised John to stop smoking.*

- 1 They said we couldn't look at the house. (*didn't allow*)
- 2 I said to Jake, 'Please be more careful.' (*ask*)
- 3 She said to me, 'Do try the exam.' (*encourage*)
- 4 I think he'll come soon. (*expect*)
- 5 I went away, so he had to solve the problem. (*I left ...*)
- 6 Was it your idea that I should pay? (*Did you mean ...*)
- 7 The captain told the men, 'Attack!' (*order*)
- 8 'Don't forget to buy coffee,' I told Sue. (*remind*)
- 9 She gave me lessons in cooking. (*teach*)
- 10 She mustn't tell anybody. (*I don't want ...*)

**3 Complete one or more of these sentences.**

- 1 My parents want(ed) me to \_\_\_\_.
- 2 My parents don't/didn't want me to \_\_\_\_.
- 3 I would like my children to \_\_\_\_.

**4 Complete the cartoon caption with the correct structure.**



'I'm not asking (you serve) me— just to include me in your conversation.'

**Let and make are followed by object + infinitive without to.**

*Don't let me forget to phone Jill.      You make me laugh.*

Passive structures with *make* have the infinitive with *to*.

*He was made to apologise.*

**5 Let or make? Make sentences beginning *Her parents let her ...* or *Her parents made her ...***

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 stay up late         | 6 drink beer             |
| 2 do the washing up    | 7 clean up her room      |
| 3 read what she liked  | 8 go to church           |
| 4 iron her own clothes | 9 have parties           |
| 5 do her homework      | 10 choose her own school |

**6 What did your parents let/make you do when you were small? Write three or more sentences. If possible, find out what other students' parents let/made them do.**

For structures with *see*, *hear*, *watch* and *feel*, see page 205.

## **-ing form and infinitive both possible**

Some verbs can be followed by both *-ing* forms and infinitives. There are often important differences of meaning.

### **DO IT YOURSELF**

Exercises 1–7: check your answers in the key.

- 1 **Remember, forget and regret.** Look at the examples. Which structure is used to talk about *things people did*, and which is used to talk about *things people are/were supposed to do*?

I still **remember buying** my first bicycle.

**Remember to lock** the garage door tonight.

I'll never **forget meeting** the President.

I **forgot to buy** the soap.

I **regret leaving** school at fourteen: it was a big mistake.

We **regret to say** that we are unable to help you.

- 2 **Go on.** Look at the examples. Which structure is used for *a change to a new activity*, and which is used for *continuation of an activity*?

She **went on talking** about her illness for hours.

Then she **went on to talk** about her other problems.

- 3 **Allow and permit.** When do we use an *-ing* form and when do we use an infinitive?

We don't **allow/permit smoking**.

We don't **allow/permit people to smoke**.

- 4 **Stop.** One structure says that an *activity stops*; the other gives the *reason for stopping*. Which is which?

I've **stopped smoking**!

I **stopped** for a few minutes **to rest**.

- 5 **Like, love, hate and prefer.** Both structures can be used except – when?

Do you **like dancing / to dance**?      Would you **like to dance**?

I don't get up on Sundays. I **prefer staying / to stay** in bed.

'Can I give you a lift?' 'No, thanks. I'd **prefer to walk**.'



- 6 **Try** can be used to talk about *trying something difficult*, or about *trying an experiment* (to see if something works). Which structure(s) is/are used for each meaning?

He **tried sending** her flowers and **writing** her letters, but it had no effect.

I **tried to change / changing** the wheel, but my hands were too cold.

- 7 **See, hear, watch** and **feel**. These can be followed by *object + infinitive without to* or *object + -ing form*. One is used to talk about an *action going on*, the other about a *completed action*. Which is which?

I **saw** her **pick up** the parcel, **open** it and **take** out a book.

I last **saw** him **walking** down the road towards the shops.

I **heard** her **play** Bach's A Minor concerto on the radio last night.

As we passed his house we **heard** him **practising** the violin.

- 8 **Choose the correct verb forms. (If two answers are possible, put both.)**

- 1 Do you remember (*meet*) her last year?
- 2 Sorry – I forgot (*post*) your letters.
- 3 I regret (*not visit*) her when she was ill.
- 4 We discussed the budget and then went on (*talk*) about sales.
- 5 Do you want to go on (*learn*) English?
- 6 He doesn't allow us (*make*) personal phone calls.
- 7 The hospital only allows (*visit*) at weekends.
- 8 I like (*watch*) TV in the evenings.
- 9 Would you like (*spend*) the weekend with us?
- 10 Thanks – I'd love (*come*).
- 11 If nothing else works, try (*read*) the instructions.
- 12 I'll try (*repair*) your car tomorrow.
- 13 I saw John (*wait*) for a bus as I came home.
- 14 I heard you (*break*) something – what was it?
- 15 I can feel something (*crawl*) up my leg.
- 16 We'll have to stop (*get*) petrol.
- 17 He stopped (*work*) when he was sixty-five.
- 18 I regret (*tell*) you that you have failed your examination.

After some verbs (e.g. *begin, can't bear, continue, intend, propose, start*), both -ing forms and infinitives are possible without much difference of meaning.

I **began playing / to play** the piano when I was six.

We must **continue looking / to look** for a new house.

## adjective + infinitive or -ing form

Many adjectives can be followed by **infinitives**. This is common when we are talking about **feelings and reactions**.

*She was very **pleased to see me**. I'm **sorry to disturb you**.*

### DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Thirteen of the adjectives in the box can be used in the sentence *I was ... to see her*. Which five cannot? Check your answers in the key. Example:

*I was **afraid** to see her.*

afraid	anxious	certain	fine	glad	happy
intelligent	lazy	likely	lucky	ready	right
shocked	surprised	unusual	well	willing	wrong

Some other adjectives are followed by **preposition + -ing form**.

- ▲ 2 Choose the right prepositions and make sensible sentences.  
Example:

*I'm annoyed **at/about** **having to work tonight**.*

I'm	annoyed	about	studying.
	bad	at	breaking the speed limit.
	bored	of	listening to the children.
	capable	with	going for a long time without sleep.
	excited		seeing my family next weekend.
	fed up		having to work tonight.
	fond		getting up early.
	good		seeing the same faces every day.
	guilty		repairing cars.
	tired		dancing.

- 3 Write sentences about three things you are good at doing, three things you are bad at doing, and three things you are fed up with doing.

## noun + infinitive or -ing form

Some **nouns** can be followed by **infinitives**; others can be followed by **preposition + ...ing**.

*You were a fool to agree. She has a terrible fear of being alone.*

### EXERCISES

- 1 Are these nouns normally followed by infinitives or by preposition + ...ing? Make two lists; check your answer in the key.**

decision	difficulty	hope	idea	need	plan
thought	time	wish			

- 2 Choose the correct way of completing each sentence.**

- Has she told you about her decision (*to go / of going*)?
- I have difficulty (*to read / in reading*) quickly.
- We have no hope (*to arrive / of arriving*) in time.
- I hate the idea (*to leave / of leaving*) you.
- Is there any need (*to tell / of telling*) Peter?
- She has a plan (*to spend / of spending*) three years studying.
- I won't get married: I dislike the thought (*to lose / of losing*) my freedom.
- It's time (*to go / for going*) home.
- I have no wish (*to meet / of meeting*) him again.

- 3 Join the beginnings and ends. Put in prepositions where necessary. Example:**

*Who had the idea of moving to Berlin?*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Has he got any hope ( <i>pass</i> )	( <i>buy</i> ) that car.
He made a decision ( <i>start</i> )	( <i>get</i> ) angry.
Does your fear ( <i>fly</i> )	( <i>get</i> ) up!
Lucy has difficulty	( <i>keep</i> ) her temper.
She hated the thought ( <i>die</i> )	( <i>move</i> ) to Berlin?
She was a fool	the exam?
There's no need	( <i>start</i> ) a business.
They have a plan	a new life.
Time	stop you travelling?
Who had the idea	without seeing the world.

## for ... to ... after adjective/noun

After an adjective or a noun, if an infinitive needs its own subject this is introduced by **for**. Compare:

*Ann will be happy to help you.*

*Ann will be happy **for the children** to help you.*

*My idea was to learn Russian.*

*My idea was **for her** to learn Russian.*

This structure is common after adjectives and nouns when we are talking about **possibility, necessity, importance and frequency**.

### 1 Rewrite these sentences using the structure with **for ... to ...**

**Example:**

*She can't come. → It's impossible for her to come.*

- 1 The meeting needn't start before eight. (*There's no need for the ...*)
- 2 The postman ought to come. (*It's time for ...*)
- 3 He's not usually late. (*It's unusual for ...*)
- 4 I want the children to go to a good school. (*I'm anxious for ...*)
- 5 John shouldn't go to Australia. (*It's a bad idea ...*)
- 6 Sue shouldn't change her job just now. (*It would be a mistake ...*)
- 7 Can Paul come to the meeting? (*Is it possible ...?*)
- 8 The car really should have regular services. (*It's important ...*)
- 9 He normally stays up late on Saturdays. (*It's normal ...*)
- 10 I'd be happy if you took a holiday. (*I'd be happy for ...*)

We can use **for** with the infinitive of *there is* – **for there to be**.

*It's important **for there to be** enough jobs for everybody.*

### 2 Imagine you are planning a new town. Rewrite the following sentences using **for there to be**.

- 1 It's important that there should be public libraries.
- 2 It's vital that there should be a good public transport system.
- 3 It's important that there should be plenty of open spaces.
- 4 It's essential that there should be enough car parks.

Now write five more sentences about the town using **for there to be**.

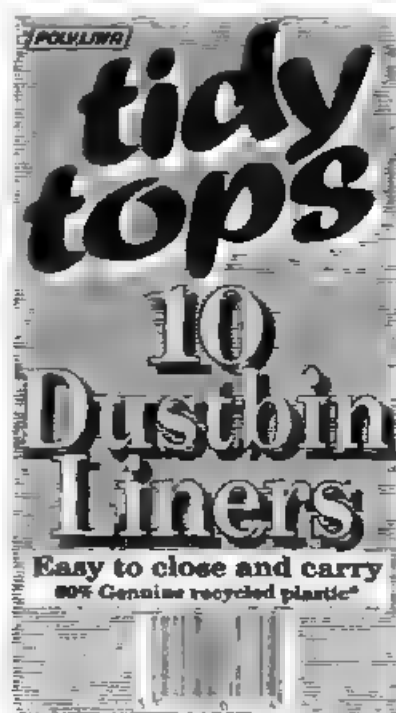
After some adjectives, we can use an infinitive to mean 'for people to ...'.

*She's easy to amuse. (= She's easy for people to amuse.)*

*Just open the packet, and it's ready to eat.*

**3 Make some sentences from the table.**

English	Chinese	is/are	easy	hard	to	please	amuse
small children			difficult	impossible		understand	clean
silver	boiled eggs		nice	(un)pleasant		listen to	watch
lobster	maths		good	interesting		cook	eat
modern music	etc		boring			drink	read
						learn	etc



# questions



From the American TV serial 'Soap'

In questions, we normally put an **auxiliary verb** before the subject. If there is no other auxiliary, we use **do**.

**Have you seen Ann?** (NOT ~~You have seen Ann?~~)

**Why are those men laughing?** (NOT ~~Why those men are laughing?~~)

**When can I pay?** (NOT ~~When I can pay?~~)

**What does 'gaunt' mean?** (NOT ~~What means 'gaunt'?~~)

We **only** put an **auxiliary verb** before the subject, not the whole verb.

**Is your father coming tonight?** (NOT ~~Is coming your father tonight?~~)

**Where are the President and his family staying?**

(NOT ~~Where are staying ...?~~)

We **do not** use **do** with other auxiliaries or with **be**.

**Can you tell me the time?** (NOT ~~Do you can ...?~~)

**Are you tired?**

After **do**, we use the **infinitive without to**.

**What does she want?** (NOT ~~What does she wants?~~)

**Did you go out last night?** (NOT ~~Did you went ...?~~ OR ~~Did you to go ...?~~)

## 1 Which is the correct caption for the cartoon?

- 1 Was the train very crowded, dear?
- 2 The train was very crowded, dear?
- 3 Was very crowded the train, dear?



## 2 Read the text, and then write questions for the answers. Example:

Two. → *How many children have Joe and Pam got?*

In a small village in North Yorkshire, there's a big old farmhouse where three families live together: Alice and George and their three children, Joe and Pam and their two children, and Sue and her baby daughter. The adults divide up the work between them. George does the cooking, Joe and Sue do most of the housework. Pam looks after the shopping and does the repairs, and Alice takes care of the garden. Alice, George and Sue go out to work; Joe works at home designing computer systems, and Pam, who is a painter, looks after the baby during the day. Two of the children go to school in the village, but the three oldest ones go by bus to the secondary school in the nearest town, ten miles away.

The three families get on well, and enjoy their way of life. There are a few difficulties, of course. Their biggest worry at the moment is money – one of the cars needs replacing, and the roof needs some expensive repairs. But this isn't too serious – the bank has agreed to a loan, which they expect to be able to pay back in three years. And they all say they would much rather go on living in their old farmhouse than move to a luxury flat in a big city.

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 In North Yorkshire.     | 8 At home.              |
| 2 In a big old farmhouse. | 9 Computer systems.     |
| 3 Three.                  | 10 She's a painter.     |
| 4 Sue has.                | 11 Two of them.         |
| 5 The cooking.            | 12 By bus.              |
| 6 The housework.          | 13 In the nearest town. |
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**We ~~do not~~ use *do* when the subject is a question word like *who* or *what*.**

*Who opened the window?* (NOT ~~*Who did open ...?*~~)

*What happened to your arm?* (NOT ~~*What did happen ...?*~~)

*Which costs more?* (NOT ~~*Which does cost more?*~~)

But we use **do** if the question word is the object.

*Who do you believe – him or me?*

*What did you have for supper?*

*What does 'catalyst' mean?*

## 3 Look at the text again, and write questions for these answers.

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- 2 Joe and Sue.
- 3 Pam does them.
- 4 Alice.
- 5 Money.
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- 7 The roof.

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# what ... like, what time, what sort etc

Note the difference between **how?** and **what ... like?**

We use **how?** to ask about things that **change** – e.g. moods, health, work.

We use **what ... like?** to ask about things that **don't change** – e.g. people's character and appearance. Compare:

**'How's Joe?'** 'He's very well.'

**'What's Joe like?'** 'Tall, good-looking, a bit shy.'

**'How does she seem today?'** 'Much happier.'

**'What does your sister look like?'** 'Short, dark and cheerful-looking.'

## 1 Make questions with **how** or **what ... like**.

- 1 ('your flat?') 'Small but very comfortable.'
- 2 ('your mother?') 'Fine, thanks.'
- 3 ('work going?') 'Not very well at the moment.'
- 4 ('business?') 'Terrible.'
- 5 ('Anne's boyfriend?') 'Not very nice.'
- 6 ('School?') 'Much better now.'

Other common expressions beginning with **what**: **what time**, **what sort of**, **what colour**, **what size**, **what make**. Note the way they are used in sentences.

**What time** does the film start? (NOT USUALLY *At what time ...*)

**What sort of** music do you like?

**What size** are your shoes?

**What size** shoes do you wear?

**What colour** are her eyes?

**What colour eyes** has she got?

**What make** is your car?

**What make of car** did you get?

**Ever** can be used with a question word to express surprise.

**Who ever** gave you that necklace?

**What ever** does she see in him?

## 2 Complete the questions with a suitable expression.

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 ____ jeans do you wear?    | 7 ____ food do you like?         |
| 2 ____ is her hair?          | 8 ____ are your gloves?          |
| 3 ____ books do you read?    | 9 ____ bike is the best?         |
| 4 ____ is your TV?           | 10 ____ did you find that coat?  |
| 5 ____ is the concert?       | 11 ____ told you you could sing? |
| 6 ____ does the train leave? | 12 ____ are you going to do?     |

## negative structures

To make **negative** verb forms, we put **not** after an auxiliary verb or **be**.  
If there is no other auxiliary, we use **do**.

*We **have not** forgotten. It **wasn't** raining. She **can't** swim.  
That **isn't** right. I **don't** like the soup. (NOT ~~I like not the soup.~~)*

**Do** is followed by the **infinitive** without **to**.

*I **didn't think**. (NOT ~~I didn't to think / thinking / thought.~~)*

**Do** is **not** used with **other auxiliary verbs** or (normally) with **be**.

*You **mustn't** worry. (NOT ~~You don't must worry.~~) Tea **isn't** ready.*

**Do** is not used with infinitives or **-ing** forms.

*It's important **not to worry**. (NOT ... ~~to don't worry.~~)*

*It's nice sitting here and **not working**.*

**1 Correct these sentences by making them negative.**

- 1 Marx discovered America. *Marx didn't discover America.*
- 2 Austrians speak Japanese.
- 3 Roses are green.
- 4 Cats can fly.
- 5 Shakespeare was French.
- 6 Fridges run on petrol.
- 7 The sun goes round the earth.
- 8 Telescopes make things smaller.
- 9 There are seventeen players in a rugby team.
- 10 Bananas grow in Scotland.

We do not use **do** with other negative words like **never** or **hardly**.

*He **never works**. (NOT ~~He does never work.~~) It **hardly matters**.*



'Leave it, Terry. I slept with him, but it didn't mean anything.'

# negative questions

## CONTRACTED (INFORMAL)

***Isn't it ready yet?***

***Why haven't you written to Ann?***

***Can't she swim?***

## UNCONTRACTED (VERY FORMAL)

***Is it not ready yet?***

***Why have you not written to Ann?***

***Can she not swim?***

Note the different position of *n't/not* in contracted and uncontracted structures.

### 1 Write informal negative questions to ask somebody:

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 if she is not cold           | 4 if the shops are not closed  |
| 2 why she is not eating        | 5 if the postman has not come  |
| 3 if she does not speak French | 6 if her mother is not at home |

We often use negative questions to **confirm that something has happened, is true, etc.** The meaning is similar to 'It's true that ..., isn't it?'

***Didn't you go and see Helen yesterday? How is she?***

We can use negative questions to make expressions of opinion less direct.

***Wouldn't it be better to switch the light on?***

(Less direct than *It would be better ...*)

### 2 Use negative questions to confirm the following ideas.

- 1 I think you went to Paris last week. → *Didn't you go ...?*
- 2 I think you speak German.
- 3 That looks like Pamela in the green dress.
- 4 I believe you studied at Cambridge.
- 5 Perhaps this is your coat.
- 6 I think your father is a doctor.
- 7 I thought Tony was going to come with us.
- 8 You'll be in Edinburgh next week, won't you?
- 9 I think you're making a mistake.
- 10 Perhaps it would be better to stop now.

Another use of negative questions is in **polite invitations.**

***Won't you come in?***

***Wouldn't you like something to drink?***

But we do **not** use negative questions to ask people to do things for us.

***Can you help me? You couldn't help me, could you?***

BUT NOT ***Can't you help me?*** (This sounds like a criticism.)

We can also use negative questions to check that something has not happened, is not true, etc. The meaning is like 'Is it true that ... not ...?'

*Don't you feel well? Oh dear. Can't they come this evening?*

Negative questions can express surprise that something has not happened, is not happening, etc. This may sound critical.

*Hasn't the postman come yet? Didn't she tell you she was married?*

*Can't you read? It says 'closed'. Don't you ever listen to what I say?*

### ▲ 3 Use negative questions to confirm the following ideas.

- 1 It looks as if she can't swim. → *Can't she swim?*
- 2 Is it true that she didn't pass the exam?
- 3 I believe you may not have paid for your ticket.
- 4 I think perhaps you didn't lock the door.
- 5 It seems as if you can't understand English. I said 'No'.
- 6 I'm afraid you don't like my cooking.
- 7 Perhaps you didn't get the letter I sent.
- 8 So you didn't enjoy the film?
- 9 Is it true that you and John aren't going to get married?
- 10 It seems that you don't want any more potatoes.

In answers to negative questions, 'Yes' goes with or suggests an affirmative verb, and 'No' goes with or suggests a negative verb.

*'Don't you like it?' 'Yes (I do like it).'*      *'Aren't you ready?' 'No (I'm not ready).'*

### 4 Add Yes or No to the answers.

- 1 'Aren't you ready?' 'Yes, I am.'
- 2 'Don't you like this?' 'I don't.'
- 3 'Can't you stop?' 'I can't.'
- 4 'Isn't this nice?' 'It is.'
- 5 'Haven't you paid?' 'I have.'
- 6 'Wasn't she at home?' 'She was.'
- 7 'Aren't you happy?' 'I'm not.'
- 8 'Didn't you get my letter?' 'I didn't.'



*'Haven't you brought any vegetables with it?'*



## negatives: I don't think etc

We usually use ***I don't think + affirmative verb***, not ***I think + negative verb***.  
The same is true with ***believe***, ***suppose***, ***imagine*** and similar verbs.

***I don't think you know Joe.*** (More usual than ***I think you don't know Joe.***)

***I don't believe she's at home.***

***I don't suppose you can lend me £5?***

### 1 Change the sentences as in the example.

He's not at home. (*I think*) → ***I don't think he's at home***

- 1 You're not right. (*I think*)
- 2 You haven't met my sister. (*I believe*)
- 3 You don't know where Ruth is. (*I suppose*)
- 4 We won't arrive before midnight. (*I imagine*)
- 5 They don't know what they're doing. (*I think*)
- 6 I didn't make myself clear. (*I think*)
- 7 You didn't remember to bring my book back. (*I suppose*)
- 8 I haven't got enough money. (*I believe*)

We use similar structures with ***seem***, ***expect*** and ***want***.

***He doesn't seem to like you.*** (Less formal than ***He seems not to like you.***)

***I don't expect to be back before Monday.*** (Less formal than ***I expect not ...***)

***I never want to see you again.*** (More natural than ***I want never to see ...***)

### 2 Change the sentences as shown.

- 1 I don't think he's well. (*He doesn't seem ...*)
- 2 I probably won't be home late. (*I don't expect ...*)
- 3 I would hate to climb another mountain. (*I never want ...*)
- 4 It's not raining, apparently. (*It doesn't seem ...*)
- 5 I probably won't pass the exam. (*I don't expect ...*)
- 6 He is determined not to get married. (*He never wants ...*)

With ***hope***, we make the following verb negative.

***I hope it doesn't rain.*** (NOT ***I don't hope it rains.***)

# imperatives

We use **imperatives** to tell people what to do, advise them, encourage them etc.

Imperatives look the same as infinitives without **to**.

Negative imperatives begin with **do not/don't**.

*Look in the mirror before you drive off.*

*Have some more tea.*

*Please **do not lean** out of the window.*

*Try again.*

*Cheer up.*

***Don't** worry.*

We can use **do** to make **emphatic imperatives**.

***Do sit down!**      **Do stop making that noise!***

## 1 Read the text and put in the verbs from the box.

add    bake    don't use    mix    oil    put in    shape

### POTATO PANCAKE

one pound of boiled potatoes

two tomatoes

butter

tablespoon flour

seasoning

parsley

one small finely chopped onion

Mash the potatoes in butter.

1 any milk. Season, 2 the chopped onion, chopped tomato, flour, and a handful of chopped parsley. 3 well. Lightly 4 a flat baking dish and 5 the potatoes. 6 into a fairly thick circular cake. Brush lightly with melted butter and 7 in a hot oven until brown on top.

*Bruce Beeby: Father in the Kitchen*

- ▲ 2 Can you write a recipe (instructions for cooking something), or instructions for doing something else?



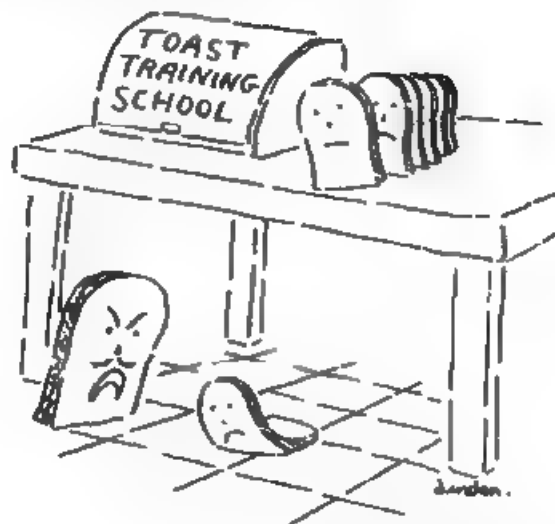
Note the position of **always** and **never**: before imperatives.

**Always** try to tell the truth. (NOT ~~Try~~ always ...)

**Never** do that again.

**3 Put in *always* or *never*.**

- 1 Add salt to potatoes when you cook them.
- 2 Check the tyres before you drive a car.
- 3 Cook chicken when it's frozen.
- 4 Wait more than fifteen minutes for somebody who's late.
- 5 Unplug electrical appliances before repairing them.
- 6 Count your change after buying something.
- 7 Put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
- 8 Say 'I will love you for ever'.
- 9 Pay bills the day you get them.
- 10 Apologise for things that are not your fault.



'No, no, always land buttered side down!'

In imperatives, **do** and **don't** can be used before **be**.

**Do be** quiet!      **Don't be** silly.

**4 Make sentences beginning *do be* or *don't be* for the following situations. Use the words and expressions in the box.**

angry	back by midnight	careful	frightened	greedy
jealous	on time	rude	stupid	

- 1 You are a parent; your child is eating too much.
  - 2 Your child is going to cycle to school through heavy traffic.
  - 3 You are just going to tell somebody that you have damaged their car.
  - 4 Your fourteen-year-old child is going out to a party.
  - 5 You are going into a room where a nervous old lady is alone in the dark.
  - 6 Your ten-year-old child has just told you she is going to leave home.
  - 7 You are arranging to meet somebody who is usually late.
  - 8 Your child has just told you to shut up.
  - 9 Your boyfriend/girlfriend is upset because you went out with somebody else.
- 5 Write some advice for people visiting your country. Do this together with other students if possible.**



# let's

We can use **let's** (or **let us** – very formal) + **infinitive without to** to make **suggestions** or give **orders** to a group that **includes the speaker**.

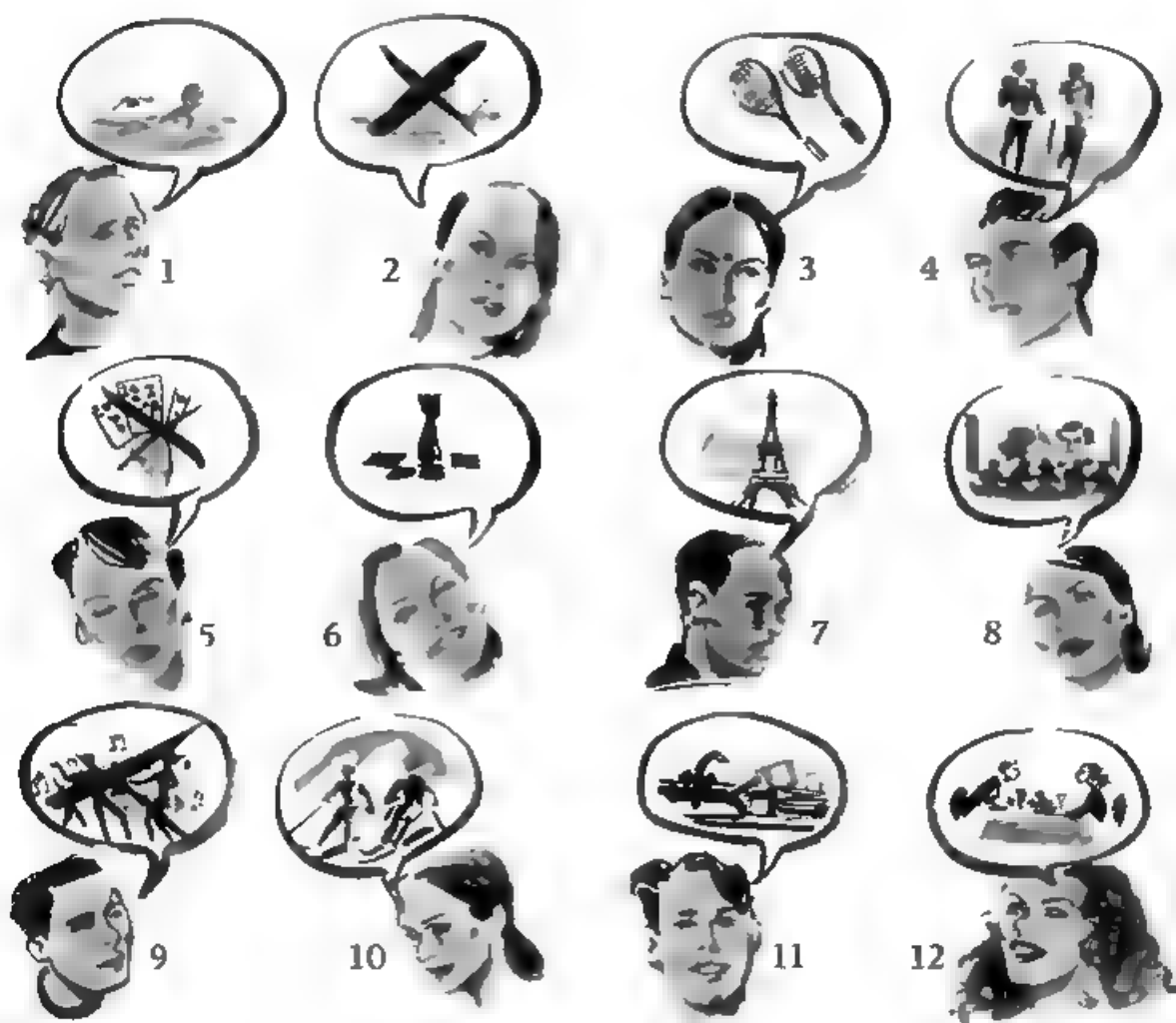
**Let's have a drink.      Let's stay in this evening.**

The normal **negative** is **Let's not ...**; **Don't let's ...** is informal; **Let us not** is very formal.

**Let's not tell** Granny what happened.

## 1 Write the suggestions, using **Let's**. Examples:

- 1 *Let's go swimming.*      2 *Let's not go swimming*



Note also the common expressions **let me see** and **let me think**.

So what time will I get there? **Let me see** – suppose I start at half past six ...

What am I going to wear? **Let me think** – it's too cold for the black dress ...

# exclamations

**Exclamations with *how* and *what* are constructed differently.**

<b>HOW + ADJECTIVE</b>	<b>WHAT (+ ADJECTIVE) + NOUN</b>
<i>How beautiful!</i>	<i>What a surprise!</i>
<i>How strange!</i>	<i>What strange people!</i>

We do not drop articles after *What*.

*What a stupid idea!* (NOT *What stupid idea!*)

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples, and write a rule to say where the subject and verb come in an exclamation. Check your answer in the key.

*How beautiful **she is!*** (NOT *How she is beautiful!*)

*How hard **he works!*** (NOT *How he works hard!*)

*What a lot of languages **your sister speaks!***

- 2 Change the sentences into exclamations with *how* or *what*.

- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 That's a strange picture.         | 6 Those children are noisy.   |
| <i>What a strange picture!</i>      | 7 He cooks well.              |
| 2 That's interesting.               | 8 We were wrong.              |
| 3 That's a nuisance.                | 9 He talks a lot of nonsense. |
| 4 You've got big eyes, grandmother. | 10 She wears funny clothes.   |
| <i>(What big ...!)</i>              | 11 She plays badly.           |
| 5 That's disgusting.                | 12 I was a fool.              |

**We can use negative questions (see page 214) as exclamations.**

*Isn't she beautiful!      Doesn't he work hard!      Wasn't it a surprise!*

- 3 Change the sentences from Exercise 2 into exclamations with negative questions. Example:

*Isn't that a strange picture!*



'How romantic! Breakfast in bed!'

# there is

## THE MOST COMMON STRUCTURES WITH INTRODUCTORY THERE

there is/are

there was/were

there will be

there is/are going to be

there has/have been

there had been

Questions: is there, are there etc

Contraction: there's (pronounced /ðəz/, like the beginning of 'the zoo')

We use **there is** to say that **something exists** (or doesn't exist) somewhere.

*It is* is not used in this way.

**There's** a hole in my sock. (NOT ~~It's~~ a hole in my sock.)

**There's** snow on the mountains.

**There are** two men at the door.

Once upon a time **there were** three little pigs.

**There will be** rain tonight.

**There has never been** anybody like you.

In an informal style we often use **there's** before a plural noun.

**There's some grapes** in the fridge.

### 1 Put in the correct form of **there is(n't)**.

- 1 \_\_\_\_ no water on the moon.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ no railways in the 18th century.
- 3 Once upon a time \_\_\_\_ a beautiful princess.
- 4 Tomorrow \_\_\_\_ snow.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ some soup, if you're hungry.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ any potatoes?
- 7 \_\_\_\_ wars all through history.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ many tigers left in the wild.
- 9 \_\_\_\_ an accident – can I phone?
- 10 I'm afraid \_\_\_\_ time to see Granny.

### 2 Put in **there's** or **it's**.

- 1 \_\_\_\_ a cat in your bedroom.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ hard to understand him.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ cold tonight.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ ice on the roads.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ nice to see you.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ somebody on the phone for you.
- 7 \_\_\_\_ a problem with the TV.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ too late to go out.
- 9 \_\_\_\_ a funny smell in the kitchen.
- 10 'What's that noise?' '\_\_\_\_ the wind.'

**There is** introduces indefinite subjects. Compare:

**There's a window** open.

**The window's** open. (NOT ~~There's the window~~ open.)

**More complicated structures:**there may/can/must *etc* be

there is certain/sure to be

there is no need to ...

there seems/appears to be

there is likely to be

there is no sense/point/use in ...ing

there is something/anything/nothing  
wrong / the matter with ...*Infinitive:* there to be*-ing form:* there being*Use in tags (see page 226):* There will be enough, **won't there?***There* can also be used with auxiliary *be*.***There were children playing in the garden. (= Children were playing ...)*****3 Put together the beginnings and ends.**

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
According to the forecast, I can't see how to open the door. I'm looking forward to the party. OK, children, now I don't want there to be That must be Jeff. There are too many people There aren't any tickets now. There's no need to hurry. There's no point in going out There's something the matter with the car -- 'What did the doctor say?' 'Why have we stopped?'	'He says there's nothing wrong with me.' 'There seems to be something lying in the road.' any noise while I'm on the phone. but there may be some tomorrow. if you've got a headache -- you won't enjoy it. it won't start. looking for too few jobs in this country. There are sure to be some nice people there. There can't be two people who look like that. There must be a keyhole somewhere. there's likely to be more snow tonight. We've got plenty of time.

**'George, is there a mountain near here?'**

# dropping sentence-beginnings

In informal speech we often **drop unstressed beginnings** of sentences. This happens mainly with **articles, possessives, personal pronouns, auxiliary verbs and *be*, demonstratives and introductory *there is*.**

*Car's running badly.* (= *The car's ...*)      *Must dash.* (= *I must dash.*)  
*Won't work.* (= *It won't work.*)      *Be four pounds fifty.* (= *That'll be ...*)

## 1 Put back the words that have been dropped and write the complete sentences.

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Wife's on holiday.          | 6 Don't think so.     |
| 2 Couldn't understand a word. | 7 Train's late again. |
| 3 Seen Joe?                   | 8 Know what I mean?   |
| 4 Careful what you say.       | 9 Got a pen?          |
| 5 Nobody at home.             | 10 Lost my glasses.   |

## 2 Make these sentences more informal by dropping words from the beginning.

- 1 I've changed my job.
- 2 She doesn't know what she's doing.
- 3 That'll cost you £10.
- 4 Be careful of the flowers.
- 5 There's no time to waste.
- 6 The bus is coming.
- 7 Do you speak English?
- 8 I haven't been there.
- 9 He thinks he's clever.
- 10 Have you got a light?



We only drop pronouns before stressed words.

*Like your tie.*      *Haven't seen him.*      *Can't swim.*

BUT NOT *Have seen him.* *Can swim.* (Affirmative auxiliaries are unstressed.)

We can drop auxiliary verbs before personal pronouns except *I* and *it*.

*You coming?*      *She want something?*      BUT NOT *I late?* *It raining?*

## dropping words after auxiliaries

In informal speech, we often use just an **auxiliary verb** instead of repeating a longer expression.

*'Get up!' 'I am.'* (= *'I am getting up.'*)

*He said he'd write, but he hasn't.* (= ... *he hasn't written.*)

If there is no auxiliary to repeat, we use *do*.

*She said she would phone, and she did.*

### 1 Make these conversations more natural by dropping unnecessary expressions after auxiliaries.

- 1 I can't see you today, but I can see you tomorrow.
- 2 I've bought one of those blouses, and Sue has bought one too.
- 3 'You wouldn't have won if I hadn't helped you.' 'Yes, I would have won.'
- 4 'That car needs cleaning.' 'It certainly does need cleaning.'
- 5 'You'd better phone Bill.' 'I have phoned Bill.'
- 6 'The photocopier isn't working.' 'Yes, it is working.'
- 7 She can't swim, but I can swim.
- 8 Phil doesn't want to go, and Celia doesn't want to go either.
- 9 She thinks I don't love her, but I do love her.

### ▲ 2 Read the text. What words have been dropped?

*'I came round because I really think the whole thing is too absurd.'*

*'So do I. I always did (1).'*

*'You can't have (2) half as much as I did (3). I mean really, when one comes to think of it. And after all these years.'*

*'Oh, I know. And I dare say if you hadn't (4), I should have (5) myself. I'm sure the last thing I want is to go on like this. Because, really, it's too absurd.'*

*'And if there's one thing I'm not, it's ready to take offence. I never have been (6), and I never shall be (7).'*

*'Very well, dear. Nobody wants to quarrel less than I do (8).'*

*'When a thing is over, let it be over, is what I always say. I don't want to say any more about anything at all. The only thing I must say is that when you say I said that everybody said that about your spoiling that child, it simply isn't what I said. That's all. And I don't want to say another thing about it.'*

*'Well, certainly I don't (9). There's only one thing I simply can't help saying ...'*

*Adapted from a piece by E M Delafield*

## question tags: basic rules

**Question tags** often follow sentences in speech and informal writing. They are used to **check** whether something is true, or to **ask for agreement**.

*You haven't seen Joe, **have you?**      This tea isn't very nice, **is it?***

Negative tags are usually contracted. The contracted tag for *I am* is *aren't I?*

*Nice day, **isn't it?**      I'm late, **aren't I?***

We most often put **negative tags** after **affirmative sentences**, and **non-negative tags** after **negative sentences**. We do not put tags after questions.

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*It's cold, **isn't it?**      It's not warm, **is it?**      BUT NOT ~~Is it cold, isn't it?~~*

If the main sentence has an auxiliary verb or *be*, this is used in the tag. If *not*, *do* is used. *There* can be used as a subject in tags.

*She **can** swim, **can't she?**      You **wouldn't** like a puppy, **would you?***

*He **gave** you a cheque, **didn't he?**      There's a problem, **isn't there?***

**1 These are sentences from real conversations. Put in the question tags.**

- 1 I'm cooking tonight, \_\_\_\_?
- 2 We're going to Mum's, then, \_\_\_\_?
- 3 Your brothers are not being kind to you today, \_\_\_\_?
- 4 I'm not quite myself, \_\_\_\_?
- 5 They weren't ready, \_\_\_\_?
- 6 She's not a baby now, \_\_\_\_?
- 7 That's the law, \_\_\_\_?
- 8 He's a lovely little boy, \_\_\_\_?
- 9 That fireman can see them, \_\_\_\_\_, Dave?
- 10 It must be a year now, \_\_\_\_?
- 11 It'll be all right, \_\_\_\_?
- 12 They look like big candles, \_\_\_\_?
- 13 They won't have bulbs, \_\_\_\_?
- 14 There's a light out there, \_\_\_\_?
- 15 Cathy's still got curly hair, \_\_\_\_?
- 16 She doesn't look well, \_\_\_\_?
- 17 They've been really horrible, \_\_\_\_?
- 18 I was first really, \_\_\_\_?



*'It's always poor you, isn't it. Albert?*

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## question tags: advanced points

We use **they** to refer to **nobody**, **somebody** and **everybody** (and **no one** etc).  
 We use **non-negative tags** after **never**, **no**, **nobody**, **hardly**, **scarcely**, **little**.  
 We use **it** in question tags to refer to **nothing**.

*Nobody phoned* **did they?**      *It's hardly rained all summer,* **has it?**  
*She never smiles,* **does she?** (NOT ... **doesn't she?**)  
*It's no good,* **is it?**      *Nothing can happen,* **can it?**

### ▲ 1 Put in suitable tags.

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Everybody's here, aren't ____? | 6 She hardly spoke, ____?                |
| 2 You're never happy, ____?      | 7 Somebody's forgotten their coat, ____? |
| 3 There's no milk, ____?         | 8 There's scarcely enough time, ____?    |
| 4 Nothing matters, ____?         | 9 You never wrote, ____?                 |
| 5 Nobody likes her, do ____?     |  |

**Informal questions/requests** often use **negative sentence + question tag**.  
 After imperatives, we can use **won't you?** to invite people to do things, and **will/would/can/can't/could you?** (informal) to **tell** or **ask** people to do things.  
 After a **negative imperative** we use **will you?** After **Let's** we use **shall we?**

*You can't lend me £5,* **can you?**      *Do sit down,* **won't you?**  
*Give me a hand,* **will you?**      *Shut up,* **can't you?**  
*Don't forget,* **will you?**      *Let's have a party,* **shall we?**

### ▲ 2 Put together the sentences and tags.

Do have some more tea	Don't drive too fast	Let's start again
Pass me the newspaper	You couldn't tell me the time	

could you?	shall we?	will you?	won't you?	would you?
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If a tag is a **real question**, it is pronounced with a **rising intonation**.  
 If the tag only **asks for agreement**, it is pronounced with a **falling intonation**.

*The meeting's at four o'clock,* **isn't it?** 

*Nice day,* **isn't it?** 



# short answers and attention signals

In conversation, we often give **short answers** using **pronoun + auxiliary verb**.

'Can he swim?' 'Yes, **he can**.'  
 'Has the rain stopped?' 'No, **it hasn't**.'  
 'Don't forget to phone.' 'I **won't**.'  
 'She likes cakes.' 'She **certainly does**.'

## 1 Write short answers for these sentences.

- |                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 'Are you ready?'        | 6 'Have you seen Les?'          |
| 2 'Do you speak English?' | 7 'Can you understand him?'     |
| 3 'It's too hot.'         | 8 'He plays well.'              |
| 4 'Don't be late.'        | 9 'She sounded tired.'          |
| 5 'Send me a postcard.'   | 10 'Say hello to Linda for me.' |

**Interrogative short answers using auxiliary verb + pronoun** (like question tags) can express **attention, interest or surprise**.

'It was a terrible party.' 'Was it?' 'Yes, ...'  
 'We had a lovely holiday.' 'Did you?' 'Yes, we went ...'  
 'I've got a headache.' 'Have you, dear?' 'I'll get you an aspirin.'  
 'John likes that girl next door.' 'Oh, does he?'  
 'I don't understand.' 'Oh, don't you? I'm sorry.'

Negative replies to affirmative sentences can express emphatic agreement.

'It was a lovely concert.' 'Yes, **wasn't it!** I did enjoy it.'  
 'She's lost a lot of weight.' 'Yes, **hasn't she?**'

## ▲ 2 Rewrite this as a conversation, putting in interrogative short answers. Example:

'It was a lovely wedding.' 'Was it?' 'Yes, *though*

It was a lovely wedding. Though I didn't think much of Maggie's dress. That colour doesn't suit her at all. Anyway, I don't really go for church weddings. The service went on for ages. And I was sitting right at the back, so I couldn't hear the vicar. The music was nice, though. They played that hymn about sheep. Lovely. I must say I didn't enjoy the reception much. The food wasn't very good. And the bride's father made such a stupid speech. And I got one of my headaches. Champagne always gives me a headache. And I was sitting next to that Mrs Foster from down the road. I can't stand that woman. She's always criticising. Anyway, I must go. Nice to talk to you. It really was a lovely wedding.

# I (don't) think so etc

We often use *so* in answers, instead of a *that*-clause. This is common after *be afraid*, *hope*, *suppose*, *think*.

'Did you lose?' *I'm afraid so.*

'Do you think we'll have good weather?' *Yes, I hope so.*

(NOT *'Yes, I hope.'*)

'Are you ready?' *I suppose so.* (unwilling agreement)

'Is Alex here?' *I think so.* (NOT *'I think it.'* OR *'I think.'*)

**1** Here are some exchanges taken from recorded conversations. See if you can guess which of the following expressions was used in each exchange: *I'm afraid so*, *I hope so*, *I suppose so* or *I think so*.

- 1 'Is it working?' 'Yes, \_\_\_\_.'
- 2 'Dead, aren't they?' '\_\_\_\_.'
- 3 'Do we want it?' 'Not sure. \_\_\_\_.'
- 4 'Is that when she said it?' '\_\_\_\_.'
- 5 'It should be warmer in April.' '\_\_\_\_.'
- 6 'Did he know who you were?' 'Oh, yes, \_\_\_\_.'
- 7 'When is it? Tomorrow?' 'Yes, \_\_\_\_.'
- 8 'You're mean, aren't you?' '\_\_\_\_.'
- 9 'It should be quite easy, though.' '\_\_\_\_.'
- 10 'I could borrow one of your dresses, couldn't I?' '\_\_\_\_.'

Negatives are: *I'm afraid not*, *I hope not*, *I suppose not* and (usually) *I don't think so*.

**2** Complete the negative answers.

- 1 'Did you find out?' '(afraid).'
- 2 'Will you be home late?' 'No, (think).'
- 3 'We're not having lunch too early, are we?' '(hope).'
- 4 'It's not a good idea, is it?' 'No, (suppose).'
- 5 'Do they serve tea here?' '(afraid).'
- 6 'I think she's got a new boyfriend?' '(hope).'
- 7 'We won't be in time for the train.' '(suppose).'
- 8 'Is this where she lives?' '(think).'

## so am I etc

**So am I** means 'I am too': **so does he** means 'he does too': and so on.

**Neither/Nor am I** means 'I'm not either', and so on.

*She's from Scotland, and so am I.*

*I was tired, and so were the others.*

*'I've lost their address.' 'So have I.'*

*I like dancing, and so does he.*

*I can't swim, and neither can Bill.*

*'She didn't understand.' 'Nor did I.'*

### 1 Complete the sentences with **so am I** etc or **neither/nor am I** etc.

- 1 He's tall, and \_\_\_\_ his sister.
- 2 'I haven't paid.' '\_\_\_\_ I.'
- 3 Penguins can't fly, and \_\_\_\_ ostriches.
- 4 'I love this music.' '\_\_\_\_ I.'
- 5 'I lost my passport.' '\_\_\_\_ Nicola.'
- 6 I don't like her, and \_\_\_\_ my friends.
- 7 The food was bad, and \_\_\_\_ the wine.
- 8 Sue won't be there, and \_\_\_\_ her mother.
- 9 'Pete looks ill.' '\_\_\_\_ you.'
- 10 'I wasn't surprised.' '\_\_\_\_ I.'

### 2 If possible, work with another student and find five or more things that you have got in common. Write sentences. Example:

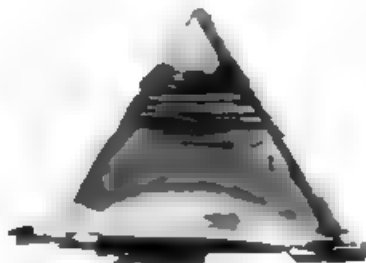
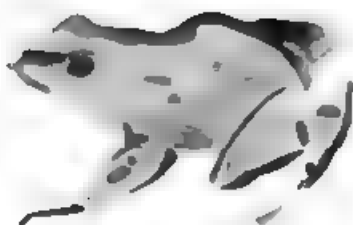
*She likes tennis, and so do I.*

### 3 Look at the pictures, and make sentences about pairs of things using **so is** etc or **neither/nor is** etc. Examples:

*The bike has got two wheels, and so has the motorbike.*

*The Sphinx is not alive, and neither is the pyramid*





## it: preparatory subject and object

When the subject of a sentence is an infinitive or a clause, we generally use **it** as a **preparatory subject**, and put the **infinitive or clause later**.

*It's nice to talk to you. (More natural than **To talk to you is nice.**)*

*It was surprising that she didn't come back.*

Note also the structure **It looks as if/though...**

*It looks as if she's going to win.*

*It looks as though we'll miss the train.*

### 1 Rewrite these sentences with **It ...** to make them more natural.

- 1 To book early is important. *It is important to book early.*
- 2 To hear her talk like that annoys me.
- 3 To get from here to York takes four hours.
- 4 To get upset about small things is silly.
- 5 To get up in the morning is nice, but to stay in bed is nicer.
- 6 To watch him makes me tired.
- 7 To hear her complaining upsets me.
- 8 To say no to people is hard.

### 2 Put the sentences together using **It ...**

- 1 He wasn't there. This surprised me.  
*It surprised me that he wasn't there.*
- 2 She's got some money saved. This is a good thing.
- 3 He's got long hair. This doesn't bother me.
- 4 John never talked to her. This worried her.
- 5 She should be told immediately.  
*This is essential.*
- 6 He didn't remember my name.  
*This was strange.*
- 7 He can't come. This is a pity.
- 8 The children should get to bed early.  
*This is important.*
- 9 Wolves attack people. This is not true.
- 10 She stole money. This shocked me.



'Can't I plead with you, Helen? It isn't my wish that our marriage should end like this.'

### 3 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
It doesn't interest me	as if we're going to have trouble with Ann again.
It looks	how many unhappy marriages there are.
It seems	if we have to ask her to leave.
It will be a pity	that everybody should have a chance to speak.
It's exciting	that he forgot to buy the tickets.
It's important	that we'll be a little late.
It's probable	what you think.
It's surprising	when a baby starts talking.

We can also use *it* as a preparatory subject for an *-ing* form.

This is especially common in the structures *It's worth ...* and *It's no use ...*

*It's worth visiting the Lake District.*      *It's no use trying to explain.*

### 4 Write five or more sentences about places in your country, beginning *It's (not) worth visiting ... because ...*

We can also use *it* as a preparatory object.

*I find it difficult to talk to you.*

### 5 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
He made it difficult	a problem to walk.
His bad leg made it	that she hadn't written.
I thought it strange	what he wanted.
He made it clear	to hear her stories.
I find it interesting	to like him.

When it is not necessary  
to change, it is necessary  
not to change.

*Lucius Cary*

It's easy to see the  
faults in people I know;  
it's hardest to see the  
good, especially when  
the good isn't there.

*Will Cuppy*

It is impossible to  
enjoy idling thoroughly  
unless one has plenty  
of work to do.

*Jerome K Jerome*

It was such a lovely  
day I thought it was a  
pity to get up.

*W Somerset Maugham*

Anybody who has  
ever struggled with  
poverty knows how  
extremely expensive it  
is to be poor.

*James Baldwin*

## emphasis with **it**, **what** etc

We can **emphasise** a part of a sentence by using the structure **It is/was ... that**. Compare:

*The secretary sent Jake the photos yesterday.*

**It was the secretary** that/who sent Jake the photos yesterday.

(not the boss)

**It was Jake** that the secretary sent the photos to yesterday. (not Bill)

**It was the photos** that the secretary sent Jake yesterday.

(not the drawings)

**It was yesterday** that the secretary sent Jake the photos. (not last week)

### ▲ 1 Change these sentences to emphasise each part in turn.

- 1 The baby put marmalade on Dad's trousers this morning.
- 2 Maria gave her old bicycle to Pat last week.
- 3 Carl broke the kitchen window with a ladder today.
- 4 Mark met Cathy in Germany in 1992.

### ▲ 2 Change these sentences as shown.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 I don't want tea, I want coffee.<br><i>It's not tea I want, it's coffee</i> | 6 Bob isn't getting married, Clive is.            |
| 2 I don't love you, I love Peter.   | 7 I didn't see Judy, I saw Jill.                  |
| 3 Carol isn't the boss, Sandra is.  | 8 He's not studying maths, he's studying physics. |
| 4 I don't hate the music, I hate the words.                                   | 9 Max isn't crazy, you are.                       |
| 5 I didn't lose my glasses, I lost my keys.                                   | 10 You don't need a nail, you need a screw.       |

Note the use of pronouns in this structure in formal and informal styles.

#### FORMAL

*It is **I who am** responsible.*

*It is **you who are** in the wrong.*

#### INFORMAL

*It's **me that's** responsible.*

*It's **you that's** in the wrong.*



'It's not the fighting I hate, it's the washing-up!'

Another way of emphasising is to use a structure with **what** (= 'the thing(s) that'). Compare:

*The wind keeps me awake.*  
*I need a change.*

*What keeps me awake is the wind.*  
*A change is what I need.*

We can use **all (that)** (meaning 'the only thing that') in the same way as **what**.

*All I need is a home somewhere.*      *All I did was touch him.*

▲ **3 Change the sentences so as to emphasise the words in italics.**

- 1 He wants *a motorbike*.  
*What he wants is a motorbike*
- 2 I need *a drink*.
- 3 I like *her sense of humour*.
- 4 I hate *his jealousy*.
- 5 *Cycling* keeps me fit.
- 6 *The travelling* makes the job interesting.
- 7 I only want *five minutes' rest*. (*All I want is ...*)
- 8 I found *something very strange*.
- 9 *The weather* stopped us.
- 10 I don't understand *why she stays with him*.

**4 Complete these sentences.**

- 1 All I need is \_\_\_\_.
- 2 What I really like is \_\_\_\_.
- 3 What I really hate is \_\_\_\_.
- 4 What I want to know is \_\_\_\_.





# conjunctions

**Conjunctions join clauses into sentences.**

Examples: *but, because, while, if.*

*She was poor **but** she was honest.*

*I went to bed **because** I was tired.*

*Can you watch the kids **while** I'm out?*

*I'll do it **if** I can.*

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1** Six of these words cannot be used as conjunctions. (For example, they could not come just before the clause ... *she went home*.) Which six? Check your answers in the key.

after	all	although	and	as	at	because
before	by	if	or	since	so	that
under	unless	until	when	whether	with	

**One conjunction is enough to join two clauses – we do not normally use two.**

***Although** she was tired, she went to work.*

*She was tired, **but** she went to work.*

**BUT NOT** ~~*Although she was tired, but she went to work.*~~

***As** you know, I work very hard.*

*You know **that** I work very hard.*

**BUT NOT** ~~*As you know, that I work very hard.*~~

- 2** Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Although he was very bad-tempered,	after you have a meal.
Always brush your teeth	and I'll hit you.
Always wash your hands	before you have a meal.
As Liz told you,	but everybody liked him.
Because I knew her family,	he had lots of friends.
Talk to me like that again	I did what I could for her.
Don't do that again	her mother left for Berlin last Friday.
He had a terrible temper,	or I'll hit you.
Liz explained to you	so I tried to help her.
I was sorry for her,	that her mother went back home last week.
If you do that again,	unless you stop that.
There'll be trouble	you'll be sorry.

## conjunctions and clauses: position

Some conjunctions and their clauses can go either **first** or **last** in a sentence.

*If you need help, come and see me*  
*Come and see me if you need help.*

We often use a comma (,) when the conjunction and its clause are first in the sentence.

**1 Write the sentences with the clauses in italics first, when this is possible.**

- 1 I'll come round to your place *after I've finished work*.
- 2 Let's have a weekend in the country *when the weather gets better*.
- 3 You ought to see Paula *before you go back to Canada*.
- 4 I enjoyed the lecture, *although I didn't understand everything*.
- 5 Your train leaves in half an hour, *so you'd better hurry*.
- 6 We won't know what's happening *until Sean phones*.
- 7 I'm going to buy some new jeans, *as we're going out tonight*.
- 8 Somebody broke into the house *while they were asleep*.
- 9 He hasn't looked at another woman *since he met Julie*.
- 10 I'm quite sure *that she's telling the truth*.
- 11 I'd like to know *whether my photos are ready*.
- 12 He didn't understand the policeman *because he was deaf*.

Note the order of events with **before** and **after**.

*He worked as a salesman before he got married.*

*Before he got married, he worked as a salesman.*

(Both sentences say that he worked as a salesman first.)

*She went to China after she finished school.*

*After she finished school, she went to China.*

(Both sentences say that she finished school first.)

**2 Underline or write down the verb for the thing that happened first.**

- 1 He did military service before he went to university.
- 2 I phoned Sarah after I spoke to Bill.
- 3 Before the rain stopped, he went out shopping.
- 4 After she gave up her job at the bank, she left her husband.
- 5 I felt really depressed before you turned up.
- 6 Things were quite different after Susie left.

# using conjunctions

**Do you know** how to use these conjunctions: **so that** (purpose or result), **as long as / provided**, **while** (contrast), **until**, **as if/though**?

Let's start now, **so that** we're sure to have enough time.  
She spoke very quietly, **so that** nobody could hear a word.  
You can go out **as long as** (OR **provided**) you tell us where you're going.  
The summers here are wet, **while** the winters are very dry.  
I'll look after the kids **until** you get back.  
I feel **as if** (OR **as though**) I'm getting a cold.

In a formal style, **whereas** can be used in the same way as **while**.  
Sound travels at 330 metres per second, **whereas** light travels at 300,000 kilometres per second.

## 1 Put in suitable conjunctions.

- 1 You can have my bike \_\_\_\_\_ you bring it back tomorrow.
- 2 I'm staying here \_\_\_\_\_ I get my money back.
- 3 It was very dark in the passage. \_\_\_\_\_ I couldn't see where I was going.
- 4 Joe was short and dark, \_\_\_\_\_ his sister was the exact opposite.
- 5 You look \_\_\_\_\_ you've seen a ghost.
- 6 He won't get any money \_\_\_\_\_ he finishes the work properly.
- 7 It looks \_\_\_\_\_ it's going to rain.
- 8 You can cancel the ticket \_\_\_\_\_ you tell the airline 48 hours in advance.
- 9 I'm going to the bank now, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll have enough money for shopping.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ I think his novels are good, his poetry isn't up to much.

## 2 Join the beginnings and ends with **so that** or **as long as**.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
He went to Switzerland	he could learn French.
I don't mind you singing	it doesn't rain.
We moved the piano	that's OK with you.
We took some blankets	there would be room for the
We'll come back this afternoon	Christmas tree.
We'll play tennis	we would be warm enough.
	you do it quietly.

**3 Rewrite these sentences, beginning *While* ...**

- 1 It was sunny, but there was a cold wind.  
*While it was sunny, there was a cold wind.*
- 2 She's very clever, but she's got no common sense at all.
- 3 I know how you feel, but I think you're making a mistake.
- 4 The job's well paid, but it's deadly boring.
- 5 I'm interested in economics, but I wouldn't want to work in a bank.
- 6 The hotel was nice, but it was a long way from the beach.

**4 Write sentences about the pictures, beginning *He/She/It looks as if* ... Use expressions from the box to help you.**

been painting  
had bad news

going swimming  
had good news

going to rain  
lost something

got a cold  
seen a ghost

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Compare ***because*** and ***because of***, and ***(al)though*** and ***in spite of***.

*She lost her job because she was ill.*  
*She lost her job because of her illness.*

***Although/Though it was raining, we went out for a walk.***  
***In spite of the rain, we went out for a walk.***

# conjunctions with -ing forms

Some conjunctions can introduce clauses made with **-ing** forms. This is common with **after**, **before**, **when**, **while** and **since**.

*After talking to you I felt better.*

*Look in the mirror before driving off.*

## 1 Put in a suitable conjunction.

- 1 I usually have a snack \_\_\_\_ going to bed.
- 2 He had a heart attack \_\_\_\_ watching a video.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ spending all that money on CDs I'd better not buy anything else.
- 4 Use damp string \_\_\_\_ tying up parcels: when it dries it shrinks and gets tight.
- 5 How many jobs have you had \_\_\_\_ leaving school?
- 6 We went for a walk \_\_\_\_ leaving for the airport.
- 7 Put this on \_\_\_\_ shaving and you'll smell wonderful.
- 8 I haven't heard anything from her \_\_\_\_ getting that letter last month.
- 9 I often listen to music \_\_\_\_ working.
- 10 Always wear goggles \_\_\_\_ working with metal.

## 2 Put the sentences together, using conjunction + ...ing.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Don't go swimming	before ( <i>talk</i> ) to Eric.
Have a rest every hour or so	before ( <i>go</i> ) on stage.
He has been terribly depressed	he began to feel ill.
I had a word with Janet	immediately after ( <i>eat</i> ).
I often solve problems in my head	since ( <i>fail</i> ) the exam.
She always gets nervous	we haven't even had time to unpack.
Since ( <i>come</i> ) back from America	when ( <i>drive</i> ) long distances.
A few days after ( <i>return</i> ) from holiday	while ( <i>run</i> ).

A few conjunctions (e.g. **until**, **when**, **if**) can be used with past participles.

*Leave in oven until cooked.*

*When questioned, he denied everything.*

*I can usually remember names and faces if given enough time.*

# -ing clauses without conjunctions

It is possible to have **-ing** and **-ed** clauses without conjunctions. These are usually rather formal, and are most common in written English.

**Having failed to persuade John, I tried his brother.**

( = As I had failed ...)

**Used economically, a tin will last for weeks.**

( = If it is used economically ...)

**Putting down my newspaper, I went over to the phone.**

**It rained for two weeks on end, completely ruining our holiday.**

## ▲ 1 Rewrite the sentences, using **-ing** or **-ed** clauses without conjunctions.

- 1 As he had left school at twelve, he had no qualifications.
- 2 It tastes delicious if it is fried in butter and sprinkled with lemon juice.
- 3 She walked over to her desk and picked up a paper.
- 4 The water came into the houses, and flooded the downstairs rooms.
- 5 As I knew his tastes, I took him a large box of expensive chocolates.
- 6 He put on his coat and went out.
- 7 A lorry broke down in Bond Street, and caused a massive traffic jam.
- 8 As I didn't want to frighten her, I phoned before I went round.
- 9 If it is sent first class, it should arrive tomorrow.
- 10 At 3 a.m. Simon came in, and woke everybody in the house.

## ▲ 2 Complete the text with words from the box.

dreaming	getting	sacrificing	staring	thinking
thrown				

Then they quarrelled, and Micky, 1 his head was getting too hot for his tongue, went out to the dunes and stood in the wind 2 at the sea. Why was he tied to this weak and fretful man? For three years since the end of the war he had looked after Charlie, 3 him out of hospital and into a nursing home, then to houses in the country. 4 a lot of his own desire to have a good time before he returned to Canada, in order to get his brother back to health. Micky's money would not last for ever; soon he would have to go, and then what would happen?

But when he returned with cooler head, the problem carelessly 5 off, he was kind to his brother. They sat in eased silence before the fire, the dog 6 at their feet, and to Charlie there returned the calm of the world.

*V S Pritchett: The Two Brothers*

# both ... and; neither ... nor

These expressions can **join nouns, verbs or other kinds of expression.**

*She plays **both** tennis **and** badminton.*

*He **both** sings **and** dances*

*That's **neither** interesting **nor** true.*

***Neither** Sue **nor** Ann was there.*

*The place **both** depressed me **and** made me want to go home.*

## 1 Join the sentences with **both ... and** or **neither ... nor**.

- 1 He repairs cars. He repairs motorbikes. (He repairs **both** ...)
- 2 He doesn't speak English. He doesn't speak French.
- 3 I don't like her. I don't dislike her.
- 4 I admire him. I distrust him.
- 5 Paul is on holiday. Sally is on holiday.
- 6 The secretary did not have the file. The accountant did not have the file.
- 7 The play was funny. The play was shocking.
- 8 He collects paintings. He collects jewellery.
- 9 You're not right. You're not wrong.
- 10 She didn't look at me. She didn't say anything.

## 2 Write sentences using **both ... and** or **neither ... nor**. Example:

*Neither Julius Caesar nor Cinderella had a TV*



Queen Victoria



Dickens



Helen of Troy



Kennedy



Sitting Bull



Cinderella



Shakespeare



Julius Caesar

## 3 Make sentences about yourself and another person, using **both ... and** or **neither ... nor**.

# leaving out **that**

We often **leave out** the conjunction **that** in an informal style. This happens mostly after **very common verbs and adjectives**.

*She **knew** (that) I was right. I'm glad (that) you're better.*

## 1 Put the beginnings and ends together.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Did you know	he didn't say hello to you.
He suggested	I phoned you?
I believe	I wouldn't forget your birthday.
I expect	she wasn't angry with me.
I heard	there were mice in the cellar?
I thought	this is your coat.
I was surprised	we might like to go skiing with him.
I'm glad	we've had this talk.
It's funny	you love me.
Tell me	you'd get lost.
Were you surprised	you'd got a new job.
You knew	you've seen this already.

We can also leave out **that**, in an informal style, after **so, such, now, provided**.

*Come in quietly **so** (that) she doesn't hear you.*

## ▲ 2 Put in the right conjunction, with **that** if the sentence is formal, and without **that** if it is informal.

- 1 He may use the firm's car \_\_\_\_ he pays for all petrol used.
- 2 I left the bedroom door open \_\_\_\_ I'd hear the phone.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ she's sixteen she thinks she can do what she likes.
- 4 It was \_\_\_\_ a serious operation \_\_\_\_ she was not expected to live.
- 5 Closed-circuit television was installed \_\_\_\_ everybody would be able to watch the performance.
- 6 You can go out \_\_\_\_ you're back in time to give me a hand with the cooking.
- 7 \_\_\_\_ the new managers have taken over we expect the company to become profitable in the very near future.



# tenses after conjunctions

If the exact time is shown once in a sentence, this may be enough. So tenses are **simplified** after many conjunctions.

For example, we often use **present tenses** instead of **will ...**

*This discovery will mean **that** we **spend** less on food.*

*I will be delighted **if** he **wins**.*

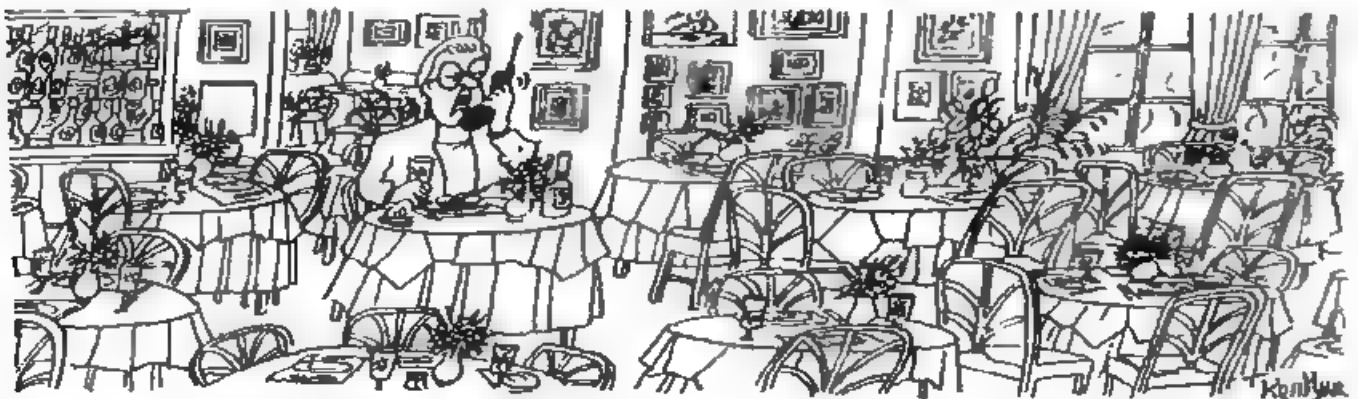
We use a **present perfect** (instead of a future perfect) to express **completion**.

*I'll tell you **when** I've **finished**.*

## 1 Complete these sentences using **will** once and a present tense

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- 1 You (*find*) hamburgers wherever you (*go*).
- 2 When I (*have*) time, I (*write*) to her.
- 3 (*you stay*) here until the plane (*take*) off?
- 4 It (*be*) interesting to see whether he (*recognise*) you.
- 5 I (*go*) where you (*go*).
- 6 He (*give*) £5 to anybody who (*find*) his pen.
- 7 One day the government (*ask*) people what they (*want*).
- 8 You (*find*) all the shops (*be*) closed tomorrow.
- 9 Whether I (*win*) or not, I (*have*) a good time.
- 10 As soon as I (*arrive*) I (*phone*) you.



'I'll call you back in twenty minutes when the restaurant is crowded.'

After conjunctions, we often use **simple past tenses** instead of **would**.

*He would never do anything **that made** her unhappy.*

*It would be nice **if she asked** before she **borrowed** things.*

▲ **2 Complete these sentences, using *would* ... once in each.**

- 1 In a perfect world, you (*be able*) to say exactly what you (*think*).
- 2 I (*always try*) to help anybody who (*be*) in trouble, whether I (*know*) them or not.
- 3 He (*never do*) anything that (*go*) against his conscience.
- 4 It (*be*) nice if everybody (*have*) what they (*want*).
- 5 I (*hit*) anybody who (*talk*) to me like that.
- 6 In your position, I (*tell*) the boss what I (*think*).
- 7 I (*be*) happier if I (*can*) live where I (*like*).
- 8 I knew he (*not give*) me what I (*ask*) for.
- 9 If we lived in London, it (*mean*) that we (*spend*) less time travelling.

We sometimes use **simple tenses** instead of **perfect** or **progressive**.

*I **hadn't understood** what she **said**.*

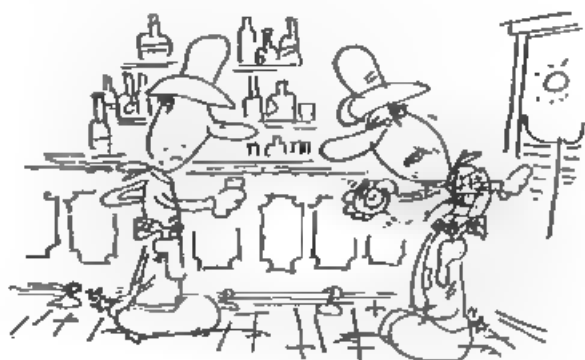
*He's **working**. But at the same time **as he works**, he's **exercising**.*

▲ **3 Complete these sentences.**

- 1 I (*be*) sorry that I (*not help*) her when she (*need*) it. (*simple past twice, past perfect once*)
- 2 It (*be*) a good time while it (*last*). (*simple past and present perfect*)
- 3 I (*usually like*) the people I (*work*) with. (*simple past and present perfect*)
- 4 For the previous thirty years, he (*do*) no more than he (*need*) to. (*simple past and past perfect*)
- 5 Usually when she (*talk*) to you she (*think*) about something else (*simple present and present progressive*)

▲ **4 Complete these sentences in any way you like.**

- 1 I would never \_\_\_\_ a person who \_\_\_\_.
- 2 It would be nice if \_\_\_\_.
- 3 In a perfect world, you would be able to \_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_.
- 4 I would be happier if \_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_.



'Nobody calls me stupid. Meet me outside when the big band and the little band are on the 12.'

# indirect speech: why things change

- 1 Look at the text, and write down all the words and expressions that are different in Bill's and Peter's sentences.

BILL (on Saturday evening): 'I don't like this party. I want to go home now.'

PETER (on Sunday morning): 'Bill said that he didn't like the party, and he wanted to go home right away.'

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 Which do you think is the best explanation for the differences? Check your answer in the key.

- 1 After verbs like *said*, you change tenses and pronouns in English.
- 2 The time, place and speakers are different.
- 3 If the main verb is past, the other verbs have to be past too.

- 3 Read the dialogue. Imagine that Bill talks to a friend the next day and tells him about the conversation, using indirect speech structures ('I said/told her that ...; so she asked if ...'). Write down ten or more words in the conversation that would have to be changed in Bill's report.

BILL: You're looking good today.

ANN: Oh, thanks, Bill. You are sweet.

BILL: OK. If you sit down I'll get you a drink.

ANN: There's nowhere to sit.

BILL: Yes, there is. Over there in the corner.

ANN: I don't want to sit there. It's too dark. I'll sit here.

BILL: You can't. These seats are taken.

ANN: No, they aren't.

BILL: Really, Ann. Why do you always have to argue? They're taken.

ANN: Excuse me. Are these seats taken?

JOE: Well, this one is, but the other one's free.

ANN: OK. I'll sit here, then. Thanks.

JOE: You're welcome. What's your name?

BILL: Hey, what about me?

ANN: Ann. What's yours?

JOE: I'm Joe Parsons. Can I get you a drink?

ANN: That's very kind. Can I have a bitter lemon?

BILL: I'm getting her a drink.

JOE: No, you're not, mate. I am.

BILL: I don't believe this. Ann, what are you playing at?

ANN: Really, Bill, I don't know what's wrong with you today. I'll see you around, OK?

# indirect speech: 'here' and 'now'

Some words may be changed in indirect speech, because the original speaker's 'here' and 'now' are not the same as the reporter's.

## DO IT YOURSELF

1 The following sentence was said in England in November 1994:

'I've been in this part of the world since March this year.'

Does the first or second 'this' have to be changed if the sentence is reported:

- a in England a week later?      c in Holland a week later?  
b in England a year later?      d in Holland a year later?

Check your answer in the key.

2 Match the direct and indirect speech expressions. Example:

*here – there*

### DIRECT SPEECH:

here    last week    next week    now    this    this morning  
today    tomorrow    tonight    yesterday

### INDIRECT SPEECH:

that day    that morning    that night    that/the/last  
the day before    the next day    the next week / the week after  
the week before    then / that day / right away    there

3 Imagine these sentences were reported in another place a month later. Put in the 'here' and 'now' words.

- 1 'I'll see you tomorrow.' She said she'd see me *the next day*.
- 2 'I'll phone you this evening.' He said he'd phone \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 'Do you like it here?' She asked if I liked it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 'My uncle died last week.' He told me his uncle had died \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 'This meat tastes funny.' She said \_\_\_\_\_ meat tasted funny.
- 6 'I'm leaving now.' He told us he was leaving \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 'I overslept this morning.' She told him she'd overslept \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 'The train leaves at 11.00 tonight.' I was told the train left at 11.00 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 'Pete phoned me yesterday.' He said Pete had phoned him \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 'My brother's arriving here today.' She said her brother was arriving \_\_\_\_\_.

# indirect speech: tenses

After reporting expressions like **he said**, **I asked**, **she thought**, tenses are usually **different** from those in the original words (because the reporter's time is different from the original speaker's time). Verbs become **more past**.

ORIGINAL WORDS (DIRECT SPEECH)	REPORTED WORDS (INDIRECT SPEECH)
<i>You <b>look</b> nice.</i>	<i>I told her she <b>looked</b> nice.</i> (NOT <del>I told her she <b>looks</b> nice.</del> )
<i>I <b>can't</b> swim.</i>	<i>He pretended he <b>couldn't</b> swim.</i>
<i>I'm <b>learning</b> French.</i>	<i>She said she <b>was learning</b> French.</i>
<i>Has he <b>forgotten</b>?</i>	<i>I wondered if he <b>had forgotten</b>.</i>
<i>John <b>phoned</b>.</i>	<i>She told me that John <b>had phoned</b>.</i>
<i>Will you <b>marry</b> me?</i>	<i>I asked him if he <b>would</b> marry me.</i> (NOT ... <del>if he <b>will</b> marry me.</del> )

## DO IT YOURSELF

1 Complete the table. Check your answers in the key.

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
simple present	_____
_____	past progressive
present perfect	_____
simple past	_____
_____	would ...

2 Complete the reported sentences with the correct tenses.

- 'I'm tired.' She said she \_\_\_\_ tired.
- 'You play very well.' He told me I \_\_\_\_ very well.
- 'Can you help us?' They asked if I \_\_\_\_ help them.
- 'We're leaving.' They told us they \_\_\_\_.
- 'She hasn't brushed her hair.' I noticed that she \_\_\_\_ her hair.
- 'John's had an accident.' Pam rang to say that John \_\_\_\_ an accident.
- 'I left school at fifteen.' Her letter said that she \_\_\_\_ school at fifteen.
- 'She won't say anything.' I knew she \_\_\_\_ anything.
- 'Nobody will know.' I thought nobody \_\_\_\_.
- 'This letter has been opened.' I could see that the letter \_\_\_\_.

### 3 Put in the right tenses.

I've never met anybody like you before.

What do you do for a living?

I'm moving around all the time.

Why do you want to take me to America?

We're meant for each other, and nobody is going to stand in our way.

I had a really funny evening yesterday, Mary. I got talking to this boy in the pub, very nice-looking he was, and I could see he (1 *fancy*) me. He said he (2 *never meet*) anybody like me before, and he felt I (3 *have*) a very unusual kind of beauty. Oh, yes? I said. Then he asked me if I (4 *want*) a lift home, so I said no, I (5 *be*) hungry, so we went out for a curry.

I asked him what he (6 *do*) for a living, and he said he (7 *do*) some undercover work for the CIA at the moment. He said he (8 *can not*) give me his address because he (9 *move*) around all the time. So I asked him why he (10 *think*) I (11 *want*) his address. Then he asked if he (12 *can*) have my phone number. He said he (13 *call*) me today to fix for me to go to America with him. So I asked him why he (14 *want*) to take me to America, and he said he (15 *think*) he (16 *fall*) in love with me. I knew he (17 *lie*), but it was kind of fun. Anyway, I told him I (18 *have*) got a boyfriend already, but he said that (19 *not matter*). We (20 *be*) meant for each other, he said, and nobody (21 *go*) to stand in our way, because our lives (22 *be*) written in the stars.

Then he borrowed £20 from me to pay the bill because he said he (23 *leave*) his wallet at home, and he went off to the toilet, and I never saw him again.

Do you want a lift home?

I'm doing some undercover work for the CIA.

I'll call you tomorrow.

I think I'm falling in love with you.

**Tenses don't change after present or future reporting verbs, because there is no important change of time.**

*He **says** he **doesn't** want to play any more. ('I **don't** want ...')*

*I'll **tell** her your idea **is** great.*

**Tenses do not usually change after present perfect reporting verbs, either.**

*The government **has announced** that taxes **will be** raised.*

# indirect speech: present situations

**Situations that have not changed:** if the original speaker was talking about a present or future situation that is still present or future when the words are reported, the tenses may not change after a past reporting verb

## DIRECT SPEECH

The earth **is** round.  
 'How old **are** you?' 'What?'  
 Where **does** she **work**?  
 It **will** be windy tomorrow.

## INDIRECT SPEECH

He proved that the earth **is/was** round.  
 'I asked how old you **are/were**.'  
 I've often wondered where she **works/worked**.  
 They said it **will/would** be windy tomorrow.

**1 Imagine these sentences were reported soon after they were said: change them to indirect speech in two different ways.**

- 1 What day is it? *I asked what day it is. I asked what day it was.*
- 2 What's the dark-haired child's name? *(I asked)*
- 3 I'm utterly fed up! *(Are you deaf? I said)*
- 4 It's raining. *(I told you)*
- 5 You'll get your money. *(I said)*
- 6 The weather is changing. *(This article I was reading said)*
- 7 The repairs will cost £5,000. *(Al told me)*
- 8 Is Jane coming to see us? *(I asked)*
- 9 You're going to the north. *(Pat told me that)*
- 10 You won't pass your exam. *(I bet George £5 yesterday that)*
- 11 He hasn't got much sense of humour. *(See – I told you)*
- 12 They're getting married next week. *(Sue rang this morning, and she said)*

**We do not keep the original speaker's tenses if we do not agree with what he/she said, or if we want to show that the ideas do not come from us.**

*They were certain that the gods lived in the sky.  
 Did you hear that? She said she was fourteen!  
 He announced that profits were higher than forecast.  
 I didn't know she was ill.*



'Ed Rozey! I didn't know you were dead!'

# indirect speech: questions

**Indirect questions** normally have the **subject before the verb**.

*He wanted to know when I **could start**.* (NOT ... ~~when could I start.~~)

*I asked where **the president and his wife were staying**.*

**Do is not used** in indirect questions, and question marks are not used.

*I wondered how **they felt**.* (NOT ... ~~how did they feel?~~)

The same structure is used to report the answers to questions.

*I knew how **they felt**.*

*Nobody told me **why I had to sign the paper**.*

**1 Turn these into indirect questions, beginning *I asked*.**

- 1 What's Peter's address?
- 2 When's the new manager coming?
- 3 How does she know my name?
- 4 Why are all the windows open?
- 5 How many books does he want?
- 6 Where do they keep the money?
- 7 What time is the meeting?
- 8 When does the last train leave?
- 9 How does the photocopier work?
- 10 How often does Ann go shopping?

**Yes/no questions** are reported with **if** or **whether**.

*The driver asked **if/whether** I wanted the town centre.*

We prefer **whether** before **or**, especially in a formal style.

*I enquired **whether** she was coming **by road or by air**.*

**2 Turn these into indirect questions, beginning *I wondered*.**

- 1 Do they like me?
- 2 Will I be ready in time?
- 3 Is there any food in the house?
- 4 Is service included or not?
- 5 Can I pay by cheque?
- 6 Does my hair look funny?
- 7 Has the postman been?
- 8 Do they speak English?
- 9 Am I doing the right thing?
- 10 Is the meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday?



# indirect speech: infinitives

We use **infinitives** to report sentences about future actions – for example **promises, agreements, orders, offers, advice, suggestions, requests.**

*He promised **to write**.*

*She agreed **to wait** for me.*

*I told Andrew **to be** careful.*

*Ann has offered **to baby-sit** tonight.*

*I advise you **to think** again.*

*She asked us **not to be** late.*

The structure **question word + infinitive** is common.

*He asked her **how to make** a white sauce.*

*Don't tell me **what to do**.*

## 1 Change the sentences as shown.

- 1 I won't tell anybody. (*He promised*)  
*He promised **not to tell** anybody*
- 2 I'll cook supper. (*She offered*)
- 3 Leave early. (*He advised me*)
- 4 Please close the door. (*She asked me*)
- 5 I'll stop smoking. (*She promised*)
- 6 Why don't I do the shopping? (*He offered*)
- 7 You ought to tell the police. (*She advised me*)
- 8 Wait outside. (*I told her*)
- 9 OK, I'll pay half. (*He agreed*)
- 10 Park round the corner. (*She told me*)
- 11 How do I find the house? (*I asked him*)
- 12 Phone me before nine. (*She told me when*)
- 13 Say you're ill. (*I told him what*)
- 14 We'll pay for the tickets. (*We offered*)



'I told him to choose his weapons and be here at six.'

This structure is not used after **suggest** or **say**.

*He **suggested trying** somewhere else. (NOT ~~He suggested to try~~ ...)*

*The policeman **said I mustn't** park there. (NOT ... ~~said me not to park~~ ...)*

# tell and say

**Tell** and **say** are similar, but there are **differences**. Look at the examples and try to see what they are.

*I told the assistant that I wanted size 8. (NOT ~~I told that I wanted size 8.~~)*

*I said that I wanted size 8.*

*I said to the assistant that I wanted size 8. (NOT ~~I said the assistant that ...~~)*

*I said to her 'What are you doing?' (NOT ~~I told her 'What are you doing?'~~)*

*I said 'hello'. (NOT ~~I told him hello.~~)*

*I told him to hurry up. (NOT ~~I said him to hurry up.~~)*

## DO IT YOURSELF

**1 Choose the correct forms of the rules. Check them in the key.**

- 1 After (*say/tell*), we normally say **who** is spoken to. We do not put 'to' before the object.
- 2 After (*say/tell*), we don't have to say **who** is spoken to. If we do, we put 'to' before the object.
- 3 (*Say/Tell*) means 'inform' or 'instruct'. It can't introduce questions.
- 4 (*Say/Tell*) can't normally be used before an infinitive.

**2 Put in the correct forms of *say* or *tell*.**

- 1 I \_\_\_\_ that I wasn't ready.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ me what you need.
- 3 Have you \_\_\_\_ the doctor about it?
- 4 Did you \_\_\_\_ something to me?
- 5 He doesn't \_\_\_\_ me anything.
- 6 Mary \_\_\_\_ her mother she was going to the office.
- 7 Why didn't she \_\_\_\_ goodbye?
- 8 \_\_\_\_ him to be quiet.
- 9 Who \_\_\_\_ that?
- 10 \_\_\_\_ that you won't forget me.



'I did say something, but that was yesterday.'

**Tell** can be used without a personal object in a few expressions like *tell a lie*, *tell the truth*, *tell a story*, *tell the time*.

# indirect speech: special cases

**Past tenses are changed to past perfect tenses after past reporting verbs, but only if this is necessary in order to make the time relations clear. Compare:**

## DIRECT SPEECH

*I **saw** Penny a couple of days ago.*

*Dinosaurs **were** around for 250 million years.*

## INDIRECT SPEECH

*In his letter, he said he'd **seen** Penny a couple of days before.*

*This guy on TV said dinosaurs **were** around for 250 million years.*

### ▲ 1 Change these to indirect speech.

- 1 I saw him once before in London. (*I knew*)
- 2 Shakespeare didn't speak French. (*The professor said*)
- 3 He died two years ago. (*When I got there, I found out*)
- 4 Three thousand years ago there were tigers in England.  
(*It said on this TV programme*)
- 5 Somebody threw a bomb at the Prime Minister.  
(*It said on this morning's news*)
- 6 The ancient Romans suffered from lead poisoning. (*I read in a magazine*)

**Usually unchanged after past reporting verbs: past perfect, had better, would, could, should, ought, might, must.**

## DIRECT SPEECH

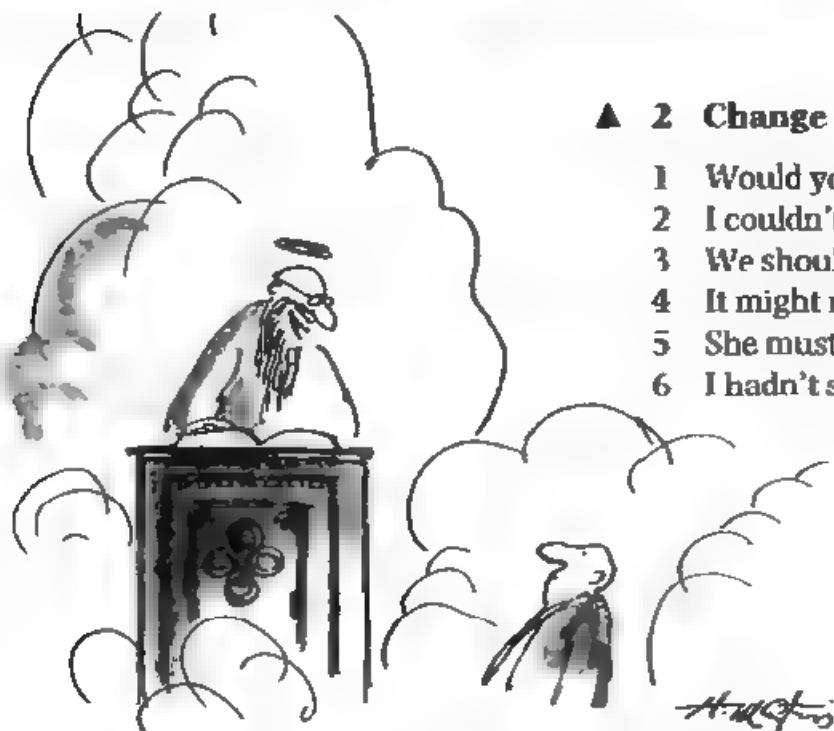
*I **hadn't seen** him before.  
You'd **better** go.*

## INDIRECT SPEECH

*She said she **hadn't seen** him before.  
He said I'd **better** go.*

### ▲ 2 Change these to indirect speech.

- 1 Would you like a drink? (*She asked me*)
- 2 I couldn't help it. (*I said*)
- 3 We should be home about six. (*They thought*)
- 4 It might rain. (*The forecast said*)
- 5 She must be joking. (*Everybody said*)
- 6 I hadn't seen the notice. (*I explained*)



**'I thought you'd like to know that the day after you died you won a \$22.5 million lottery.'**

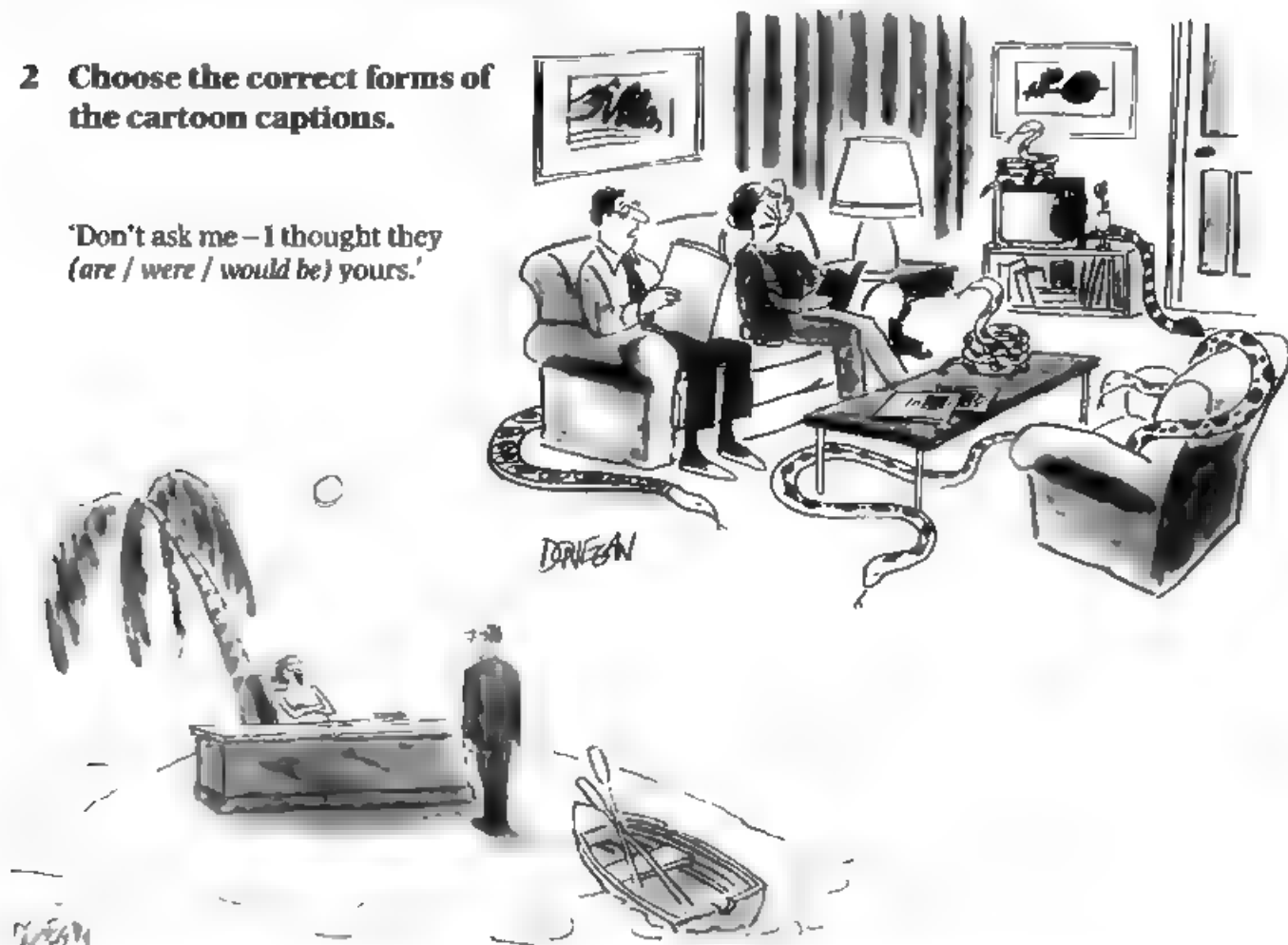
# révision of indirect speech

## 1 Change these sentences to indirect speech (reported some time later).

- 1 He's ill. (*She thought*)
- 2 I'll be back tomorrow. (*He said*)
- 3 I don't like this music (*She said*)
- 4 Where's the bus station? (*She asked me*)
- 5 Have you finished? (*I asked him*)
- 6 Nobody loves me. (*I felt*)
- 7 Do you want tea or coffee? (*He asked her*)
- 8 I'll clean the flat. (*She offered*)
- 9 When is the car going to be ready? (*I asked*)
- 10 What am I doing here? (*I wondered*)
- 11 The earth is not flat. (*He proved*)
- 12 These figures can't be right. (*I knew*)
- 13 Her cat understands everything she says. (*She thought*)
- 14 What does the boss want? (*I asked*)
- 15 Did Mary phone back? (*I wondered*)
- 16 Did dinosaurs lay eggs? (*I wondered*)
- 17 You ought to see the doctor. (*He advised me*)
- 18 Would you like a drink? (*She asked him*)

## 2 Choose the correct forms of the cartoon captions.

'Don't ask me – I thought they  
(are / were / would be) yours.'



'Well, now, Swinnerton, no doubt you're wondering (why did I send / why I sent / why I did send) for you.'

## if: ordinary tense-use

**If** can be used with **the same tenses as most conjunctions**.

*If you **didn't** do much maths at school, you'll **find** economics difficult.*

*If that **was** Mary, why **didn't** she **stop** and say hello?*

*Oil **floats** if you **pour** it on water.*

An *if*-clause can come at the beginning or end of a sentence. When it comes first, it is often separated by a comma (,).

### 1 Join the beginnings and ends, putting in *if*.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
anybody asks you what you're doing.	I'll take it back to the shop.
How can you make decisions	you're not feeling up to it.
I buy three kilos,	say you're with me.
I don't get up till nine.	that'll do for a few weeks.
I can't fix the video,	I never get anything done.
I'll go with you	we can catch the early train.
The shops are easy to get to	you want to learn a musical
We don't have to go out	instrument.
you're ready before eight.	you don't know what's going
You have to practise	on?
	you like.
	you park near the station.

Note the difference between *if* and *when*.

**If**: something may happen. **When**: something definitely happens.

### 2 *If* or *when*?

- 1 — I become President
- 2 — it gets dark
- 3 — the film finishes
- 4 — she passes her exam
- 5 — it doesn't rain tomorrow
- 6 — I wake up tomorrow
- 7 — you change your mind
- 8 — his parents die
- 9 — the bus stops



- 10 'But are you absolutely sure you saw him take something, because — you're wrong ...'

In an **if**-clause, we normally use a **present tense** to talk about the **future**.  
(This happens after most conjunctions – see page 244.)

*If I **have** enough time tomorrow, I'll come and see you.*

(NOT *If I **will have** ...*)

*I'll give her your love **if** I **see** her. (NOT ... **if I will see** her.)*

*If it's fine tomorrow, I'm going to paint the windows.*

For cases when we use **will** after **if**, see page 137.

### 3 Choose the correct tenses (present or **will** ...).

- 1 If you (*say*) that again, I (*scream*).
- 2 I (*be*) surprised if she (*manage*) to sell that car.
- 3 If the boys (*come*) to supper, I (*cook*) chicken breasts.
- 4 I (*need*) some money if we (*go*) out tonight.
- 5 I (*miss*) you if we (*move*) to Wales.
- 6 If you (*wash*) up, I (*dry*).
- 7 Ann (*be*) sorry if Helen (*not come*).
- 8 If you (*get*) lonely, I hope you (*phone*) me – any time.
- 9 If you (*look*) in the top drawer, you (*find*) your passport.
- 10 It (*be*) funny if Norman (*get*) the job.

### 4 Complete these sentences any way you like.

- 1 I'll be surprised if \_\_\_\_.
- 2 I'll be very happy if \_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'll be sorry if \_\_\_\_.

### ▲ 5 Here are a fortune-teller's predictions for a race. Who does she think will win?

Jake will come first if Howard comes third.

If Howard comes third, Pete will come second.

Pete won't come second if Jake comes first.

Howard will come first if Pete comes third.

Pete will not come third if Jake comes second.

If Jake comes third, Pete will come first.

Howard will come second if Jake comes third.

We sometimes use **if ... then** to emphasise that one thing depends on another. (Note that we do **not** use **if ... so** in this way.)

*If she can't come to us, **then** we'll have to go and see her.*

(NOT ... ~~**so**~~ we'll have to go and see her.)

# if: special tense-use

With *if*, we can use **would** and **past tenses** to 'distance' our language from reality, when we talk about present or future **unreal situations**.

MAIN CLAUSE: WOULD ... ('D)	IF- CLAUSE: PAST TENSE
<i>I <b>would tell</b> you her name</i> (NOT <del><i>I will tell you her name</i></del> )	<i>if I <b>knew</b> it.</i> (NOT <del><i>if I would know it.</i></del> )
<i>She'd <b>be</b> perfectly happy</i>	<i>if she <b>had</b> a car.</i>
<i>What <b>would</b> you <b>do</b></i>	<i>if you <b>lost</b> your job?</i>

After *I* and *we*, *should* is possible instead of *would*. (*Would* is more common.)  
The *if*-clause can come first in the sentence.

***If I knew her name, I should tell you.***

This structure can make a suggestion sound less definite (and so more polite).

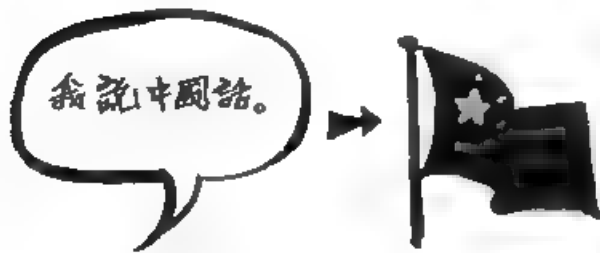
***It would be nice if you helped me a bit with the housework.***

***Would you mind if I came round about seven tomorrow?***

## 1 Put in the correct verb forms.

- 1 The kitchen (*look*) better if we (*have*) red curtains.
- 2 I (*be*) sorry if we (*not see*) her again.
- 3 It (*be*) a pity if Andy (*not get*) the job.
- 4 If I (*know*) his address, I (*go*) round and see him.
- 5 What (*you do*) if you (*win*) the lottery?
- 6 It (*be*) quicker if you (*use*) a computer.
- 7 If you (*not be*) so busy, I (*show*) you how to play.
- 8 If we (*have*) some eggs, I (*make*) you a cake.
- 9 If you really (*love*) me, you (*buy*) me those diamonds.
- 10 I'm sure Moira (*help*) you if you (*ask*) her.
- 11 If it (*not be*) so cold, I (*tidy*) up the garden.
- 12 If I (*have*) the keys, I (*show*) you the cellar.
- 13 If I (*have*) children like hers, I (*send*) them to boarding school.
- 14 Where (*you go*) if you (*need*) to buy a picture frame?
- 15 (*you mind*) if I (*go*) first?
- 16 If all of us (*come*), (*you have*) room in your car?
- 17 It (*be*) nice if you (*spend*) some time with the children.
- 18 I (*not do*) this if I (*not have*) to.

2 What would you do if ...? Here are some people's answers. Can you write the sentences? Example:



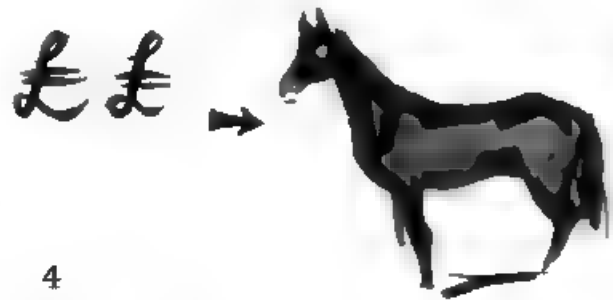
1 If I spoke Chinese, I would go to China.



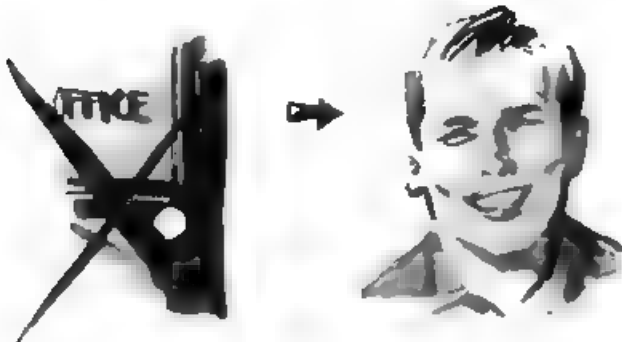
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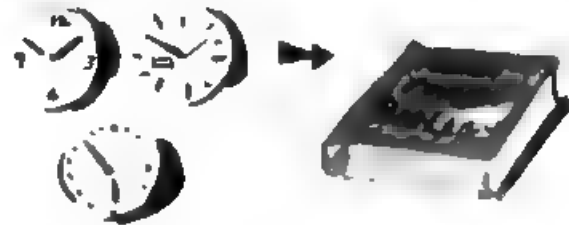
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3 If you can work with other students, do drawings like the ones in Exercise 2, and see if they can write the sentences.

As well as **would**, we can use **could** (= 'would be able to') and **might** (= 'would perhaps').

*I **could** lend you my car if you wanted.*

*He **might** change his mind if we talked to him.*

■ Complete these sentences using **could** or **might**.

- 1 If it wasn't raining, we (play) tennis.
- 2 If she asked me politely, I (feel) like helping her.
- 3 If he wasn't so bad-tempered, I (go) out with him.
- 4 If I had more money, I (get) a small flat.
- 5 If you spoke more slowly, I (understand) you better.
- 6 If you cooked it in butter, it (taste) better.



## if I go and if I went: the difference

The difference between, for example, *if I go ... I will* and *if I went ... I would* or between *if I speak ...* and *if I spoke ...*, is not a difference of time. They can both refer to the present or future.

The past tense (and *would*) usually suggests that the situation is **less probable**, or **less definite**, or **impossible**, or **imaginary**. Compare:

*If I become* President, I'll ... (said by a candidate in an election)

*If I became* President, I'd ... (said by a schoolgirl)

*If I win* this race, I'll ... (said by the fastest runner)

*If I won* this race, I'd ... (said by the slowest runner)

*Is it all right if I invite* John to supper? (direct request)

*Would it be all right if I invited* John to supper? (polite request)

### 1 Choose the correct verb forms.

- 1 If she (*comes/came*) late again, she'll lose her job.
- 2 I'll let you know if I (*find/found*) out what's happening.
- 3 If we (*live/lived*) in a town, life would be easier.
- 4 I'm sure he wouldn't mind if we (*arrive/arrived*) early.
- 5 (*We'll/We'd*) phone you if we have time.
- 6 If I won the lottery, I (*will/would*) give you half the money.
- 7 It (*will/would*) be a pity if she married Fred.
- 8 If I'm free on Saturday, I (*will/would*) go to the mountains.
- 9 She (*will/would*) have a nervous breakdown if she goes on like this.
- 10 I know I'll feel better if I (*stop/stopped*) smoking.

### 2 Choose the most sensible verb form.

- 1 If I (*live/lived*) to be 70 ...
- 2 If I (*live/lived*) to be 150 ...
- 3 If I (*am/were*) better looking ...
- 4 If I (*wake/woke*) up early tomorrow ...
- 5 If Scotland (*declares/declared*) war on Switzerland ...
- 6 If we (*have/had*) the same government in five years' time ...
- 7 If everybody (*gives/gave*) ten per cent of their income to charity ...
- 8 If everybody (*thinks/thought*) like me ...
- 9 If there (*is/was*) nothing good on TV tonight ...
- 10 If my English (*is/was*) better next year ...
- 11 If the government (*bans/banned*) cars from city centres next year ...
- 12 If I (*have/had*) bad dreams tonight ...

# if I were

After *if*, we often use **were** instead of **was**. In a formal style, **were** is considered more correct.

*If I **were** rich, I would spend all my time travelling.*

## 1 Put the beginnings and ends together, using *if ... were*. Example:

*If he **were** a better dancer, her feet wouldn't hurt.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
he / a better dancer	her feet wouldn't hurt.
I / a rabbit	I wouldn't be working.
I / forty years younger	I'd be quite pretty.
I / Moroccan	I'd give everybody ten weeks' holiday.
I / the manager	I'd go dancing all night.
it / not so cold	I'd go for a walk.
it / Sunday	I'd live in a hole.
my nose / shorter	I'd speak Arabic.
people / more sensible	life in the office would be easier.
she / better-tempered	there wouldn't be any wars.

We often use the structure *I should(n't) ... if I were you* to give advice.

*I **shouldn't** worry **if I were** you.*

***If I were** you, I'd get that car serviced.*

## 2 Write some sentences beginning *If I were you ...* to: other students / your teacher / your mother / your father / your child / the President / the Pope / ...



'Look, I should sit down if I were you. Have you got a drink? Now it's nothing to worry about, really it isn't ...'

## if: unreal past situations

With *if*, we use **would have ...** and **past perfect** tenses to 'distance' our language from reality, when we talk about **unreal situations** in the past.

MAIN CLAUSE: WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE	IF-CLAUSE: PAST PERFECT TENSE
<i>I <b>would have been</b> in bad trouble</i> <i>You <b>would have passed</b> your exam</i>	<i>if Jane <b>hadn't helped</b> me.</i> <i>if you <b>had worked</b> harder.</i> (NOT <i>If you <b>would have worked</b> ...</i> )

The *if*-clause can come first.

*If Jane hadn't helped me, I would have been in bad trouble.*

### 1 Put in the correct verb forms.

- 1 If I (*know*) you were coming, I (*invite*) some friends in.
- 2 He (*go*) to university if his father (*not be*) ill.
- 3 If you (*say*) you weren't hungry, I (*not cook*) such a big meal.
- 4 The team (*win*) if Jones (*play*) better.
- 5 If they (*not cut*) off the electricity, I (*finish*) my work.
- 6 If Bell (*not invent*) the telephone, somebody else (*do*) it.
- 7 If you (*not spend*) so much time making up, we (*not be*) late.
- 8 The burglars (*not get*) in if you (*remember*) to lock the door.
- 9 If he (*not be*) a film star, he (*not become*) President.
- 10 If she (*have*) more sense, she (*sell*) her car years ago.
- 11 If he (*not spend*) so much on his holiday, he (*have*) enough to pay for the house repairs.
- 12 You (*not catch*) cold if you (*take*) your coat.
- 13 You (*win*) if you (*run*) a bit faster.
- 14 We (*get*) better tickets if we (*book*) earlier.
- 15 It (*be*) better if you (*ask*) me for help.
- 16 'If Cleopatra's nose (*be*) shorter, the whole history of the world (*be*) different.' (Pascal)

Instead of *would have ...*, we can use *could have ...* (= 'would have been able to') and *might have ...* (= 'would perhaps have ...').

*If he'd run a bit faster, he **could have won**.*

*If I hadn't been so tired, I **might have realised** what was happening.*

**2 Write sentence chains with *if* to show how things could have been different. Example:**

- 1 *If he hadn't worked so hard, he wouldn't have passed his exams. If he hadn't passed his exams, he wouldn't have gone to university. If he hadn't gone to university, ...*
- 1 He worked hard → passed exams → went to university → studied languages → learnt Chinese → went to China → went climbing in Tibet → tried to climb Everest → disappeared in a snowstorm
- 2 He bought a bicycle → went for ride in country → fell off → woke up in hospital → met beautiful nurse → wrote bestselling novel about her → got rich → married beautiful nurse and had three charming children → lived happily ever after *If he hadn't bought a bicycle, ...*
- 3 Mary's mother went out that evening → Mary cooked for herself → got interested in cooking → opened very successful restaurant → had Prime Minister as customer → PM ordered mussels → mussels poisoned PM → PM died → Mary went to prison for life

**3 If you can work with other students, make a sentence chain for them.**

This structure is sometimes used to talk about **present and future situations** which are **no longer possible** because of the way things have turned out.

*If my mother had been alive, she would have been eighty next year.*

(OR *If my mother were alive, she would be ...*)

*If my mother hadn't knocked my father off his bicycle thirty years ago,*

*I wouldn't have been here now. (OR ... I wouldn't be here now.)*



'Just think, I'd have been an old man by now if I'd ever grown up.'

# unless

**Unless** means 'if not', in the sense of 'except if'.

Come tonight **unless** I phone.

(= ... **if** I don't phone / ... **except if** I phone.)

I'll take the job **unless** the pay is too low.

Note that after *unless* we use a present tense to talk about the future.

## 1 Join the beginnings and ends together, using **unless** instead of **if not**. Example:

*I'll be back tomorrow unless there's a strike.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I'll be back tomorrow	if he doesn't start working.
He'll get thrown out of school	if I don't phone to say I can't come.
I always watch TV in the evenings	if I don't go out.
Let's have dinner out	if it doesn't rain.
I'll see you at ten	if the children don't want it.
I'll tell you a good joke	if there isn't a change of government.
Things will go on getting worse	if there isn't a strike.
We're going to have a picnic	– if you're not too tired.
You can have the last sausage	if you don't know the code.
You can't open the door	– if you haven't heard it before.

**Unless** is only used to mean 'except if'.

*My wife will be upset **if** I don't get back tomorrow.*

(NOT ~~*My wife will be upset unless I get back tomorrow.*~~ 'If not' doesn't mean 'except if' here.)

## 2 Which of these sentences can be rewritten with **unless**?

- I'll be surprised if he doesn't have an accident soon.
- It will be better if we don't tell her anything.
- You can have the car tonight if Harriet doesn't need it.
- I'll tell you if I can't come.
- I'm going to dig the garden this afternoon if it doesn't rain.
- She'd look nicer if she didn't wear so much make-up.

## in case

We use **in case** to talk about **precautions** – things we do to be **ready for what might happen**. After **in case** we use a **present tense** to talk about the future.

*I've bought a chicken **in case** your mother stays to lunch.*

*I wrote down her address **in case** I forgot it.*

We can use **should ...** after **in case** – this gives the idea of 'by chance'.

**Should** is common in sentences about the past.

*I've bought a chicken **in case** your mother **should** stay to lunch.*

*I wrote down her address **in case** I **should** forget it.*

### 1 A woman is packing to go on holiday in Austria. Make sentences:

#### SHE'S PACKING:

a German phrase book      a pack of cards      a racket  
a thick sweater      a swimsuit      aspirins      binoculars  
her address book      some books      walking boots

#### IN CASE:

she decides to send postcards      she has time to read  
she meets people who play bridge      she wants to go walking  
the hotel has a heated pool      the hotel staff don't speak English  
the sun gives her a headache      the weather is cold  
there is a tennis court      she wants to go bird-watching

**In case** is not the same as **if**. Compare:

*I'll buy a bottle of wine (now) **in case** Roger comes (later).*

*I'll buy a bottle of wine (later) **if** Roger comes (and if he doesn't come I won't).*

### 2 If or in case?

- 1 I'm taking my umbrella with me \_\_\_\_ it rains.
- 2 I'll open the umbrella \_\_\_\_ it rains.
- 3 People phone the fire brigade \_\_\_\_ their houses catch fire.
- 4 People insure their houses \_\_\_\_ they catch fire.
- 5 We have a burglar alarm \_\_\_\_ somebody tries to break in.
- 6 The burglar alarm will go off \_\_\_\_ somebody tries to break in.
- 7 I'll let you know \_\_\_\_ I need help.
- 8 I'll take the mobile phone \_\_\_\_ I need to phone you.

# it's time, would rather: structures

**Infinitives** are possible after *It's time* and *would rather* (= 'would prefer').

*Would rather* is followed by an infinitive **without to**.

*It's time to buy a new car. It's time for him to go to bed.*  
*She doesn't want to go out. She'd rather stay at home.*

## 1 Put the expressions together to make conversations. Example:

'It's time to go out.' 'I'd rather stay at home.'

### IT'S TIME TO

go out. clean the car. cook supper. get a new fridge.  
 get your hair cut. go home. invite the Harrises.  
 plan our trip to Scotland. see the dentist.  
 start work on the garden

### I'D RATHER

stay at home. go on using the old one for a bit.  
 have something cold. invite the Johnsons. keep it long.  
 not clean it today. go to Wales. see her next year.  
 start next week. stay here for a bit longer.



'I'm afraid we've done all we can do. Now it's time to play golf.'



'I often say, Mrs Dent, I'd rather have your little Christopher in my class than all the bright, clever ones!'

In clauses after *it's time* and *would rather*, a past tense has a present or future meaning.

*It's time he went to bed. It's time you washed those trousers.*  
*'Shall I open a window?' 'I'd rather you didn't.'*  
*Don't come today. We'd rather you came tomorrow.*

**2 Write sentences using *It's time you/he/etc.***

- 1 You ought to clean that car.  
*It's time you cleaned that car.*
- 2 She should get her hair cut.
- 3 We ought to have a holiday.
- 4 You need to cut the grass.
- 5 You should wash that sweater.
- 6 You ought to stop smoking.
- 7 He ought to grow up.
- 8 We ought to paint the kitchen.
- 9 He needs a new car.
- 10 That team hasn't won a match for ages.

**3 Rewrite the *second* sentence in each conversation, starting with *I'd rather we/you/etc.***

- 1 'You'd better phone Judy.' 'No, you phone her.'  
*I'd rather you phoned her.*
- 2 'Let's talk things over.' 'No, let's talk tomorrow.'
- 3 'Shall I come at nine?' 'Ten would be better.'
- 4 'I'll phone Sue.' 'No, don't.'
- 5 'Can she work with you?' 'Why doesn't she work with Maggie?'
- 6 'I'll cook tomorrow.' 'Tonight would be better.'
- 7 'Ask that policeman.' 'You ask him.'
- 8 'Mark wants to go out.' 'I'd prefer him to stay in.'
- 9 'Can they use our sheets?' 'It would be more convenient if they brought their own.'
- 10 'The government wants to cut taxes.' 'It would be better if they did something about the homeless.'

**4 Write a sentence beginning *It's time the government did something for/about ...***

**5 The government is planning to build ten new motorways. Write a sentence beginning *I'd rather they spent the money on ...***



# wish, if only: structures

**Wish** and **if only** can be used with **would** and **past tenses** (like *if* – see page 258).

These structures express **regrets**, and wishes for **unlikely** or **impossible** things.

*If only* is more emphatic.

**Past tenses** are used to talk about the **present**.

*I wish I **was** better looking.*

*Don't you **wish** you **could** fly?*

*I wish I **spoke** French.*

*If only I **knew** more people!*

**Were** can be used instead of **was**, especially in a formal style.

*He wishes he **were** better looking.*

## 1 Write sentences beginning *I wish ...* or *If only ...*

1 He smokes.

*I wish he **didn't** smoke.*

2 I don't speak Russian.

3 I haven't got a car.

4 I'm not hard-working.

5 I'm bad at sport.

6 I don't like dancing.

7 It rains all the time.

8 She works on Sundays.

9 I can't eat eggs.

10 The radio doesn't work.

We use **would ...** to talk about things that we **would like people (not) to do**. This often expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance: it can sound **critical**.

*I wish you **would** go home.*

*If only the postman **would** come!*

We can use this structure to talk about things as well as people.

*I wish this damned car **would** start.*

*If only it **would** stop raining!*

## 2 Write sentences beginning *I wish ... would ...*

1 Somebody won't stop talking.

*I wish he **would** stop talking.*

2 It's not snowing.

3 The phone keeps ringing.

4 The baby won't stop crying.

5 The kettle won't boil.

6 The traffic lights won't go green.

7 Your mother hasn't written.

8 Pat hasn't found a job.

9 The exam results haven't come.

10 Spring hasn't come.

## 3 Write some sentences beginning:

*I wish I had ...*

*If only I could ...*

*I wish I spoke ...*

*I wish I knew ...*

*If only I was ...*

*I wish I wasn't ...*

**We use a past perfect tense to express regrets about the past.**

*I wish you **hadn't said** that.*

*Now she wishes she **had gone** to university.*

*If only she **hadn't told** the police, everything would be all right.*

**4 Put the beginnings and ends together, using I wish + past perfect.**

**Example:**

*I wish I'd been nicer to my sister when we were kids.*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
(be) nicer to my sister	a better school.
(choose)	a different career.
(do) more travelling	harder at university.
(go) to	last night.
(go) to bed earlier	my teeth.
(not get married)	the truth.
(not tell) him	when I had the chance.
(save) money	when I was eighteen.
(study)	when I was earning a good salary.
(take better care of)	when we were kids.

**I WISH I WAS EIGHTEEN AGAIN (1978) (wm) Sonny Throckmorton (P)George Burns.**

**I WISH I WERE ALADDIN (1935) (wm) Mack Gordon – Harry Revel (I)Film: *Two For Tonight*, by Bing Crosby. (P)Bing Crosby.**

**I WISH I WERE IN LOVE AGAIN (1937) (w) Lorenz Hart (m) Richard Rogers (I)Musical: *Babes In Arms*, by Grace McDonald and Rolly Pickert. (R)1948 Film. *Words And Music*, by Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney.**

**I WISH I WERE TWINS (SO I COULD LOVE YOU TWICE AS MUCH) (1934) (w) Frank Loesser – Eddie De Lange (m) Joseph Meyer (P)Fats Waller**

**I WISH IT WOULD RAIN (1968) (wm) Barrett Strong – Roger Penzabene – Norman Whitefield (P)The Temptations. (CR) Gladys Knight and The Pips.**

**I WISH IT WOULD RAIN DOWN (1990) (wm) Phil Collins (P)Phil Collins.**

**I WISH THAT WE WERE MARRIED (1962) (wm) Marion Weiss – Edna Lewis (P) Ronnie and the Hi-Lites.**

# relative **who**, **which** and **that**

We often join sentences by putting **who** or **which** ('relative pronouns') in place of **he**, **she**, **it** or **they**. We use **who** for **people** and **which** for **things**.

*I've got a friend. He collects stamps. → I've got a friend **who** collects stamps.*

*(NOT ... ~~who he~~ collects stamps.)*

*There's a problem. It worries me. → There's a problem **which** worries me.*

## 1 Join the sentences with **who** or **which**.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
Do you know a shop?	He lives next door.
I know somebody.	He stole my car.
I want some plates.	He/She deals with exports.
I was at school with the man.	It isn't working.
I'd like to speak to the person.	It needs to be eaten.
She's got friendly with a boy.	It sells good coffee.
The police haven't found the man.	They last for years.
There's some cheese in the fridge.	She could mend <b>that</b> chair.
We've got some light bulbs.	They can go in the microwave.
This is the switch.	He is driving <b>that</b> taxi.

We often use **that** instead of **which**, and instead of **who** in an informal style.

*There's a problem **that** you don't understand.*

*I know some people **that** could help you. (informal)*

## 2 Rewrite four or more of the sentences from Exercise 1 using **that**.

In place of **him**, **her**, **it** and **them** (objects), we can use **who(m)**, **which** or **that**. **Who** is very informal as an object; **whom** is more formal.

*Where's that nurse? I saw **her** last time. → Where's that nurse **who(m)/that** I saw last time? (NOT ... ~~who(m)~~ I saw ~~her~~ last time.)*

*These are problems. You don't have **them**. → These are problems **which/that** you don't have. (NOT ... ~~which~~ you don't have ~~them~~.)*

**3 Do you know the English words for nationalities and languages?  
Complete the sentences: use a dictionary to help you.**

- 1 The people who live in \_\_\_\_ speak Greek.
- 2 The language that people speak in Hungary is called \_\_\_\_.
- 3 The language \_\_\_\_ people speak in China is called \_\_\_\_.
- 4 The people who live in \_\_\_\_ speak Italian.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_ live in \_\_\_\_ Turkish.
- 6 The language \_\_\_\_ Algeria is called Arabic.
- 7 The language \_\_\_\_ Scots Gaelic.
- 8 The people \_\_\_\_ Holland \_\_\_\_.
- 9 The language \_\_\_\_ Irish.
- 10 The people \_\_\_\_ Portugal \_\_\_\_.
- 11 \_\_\_\_ Welsh.
- 12 \_\_\_\_ Japan \_\_\_\_.

**4 Write five more sentences like the ones in Exercise 3.**

We normally use *that*, not *which*, after ***all*, *everything*, *nothing*, *the only* ...** and **superlatives**. We do not use ***what*** in these cases.

*I've told you **all that** I know. (NOT ... ~~all-what~~ I know.)*

***The only thing that** matters to me is your happiness.*

**5 Join the beginnings and ends.**

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
All the poetry	that happened.
At school I learnt nothing	that he wrote was destroyed in a fire.
I've told you everything	that she said made any difference.
Nothing	that was ever made.
It's the best western film	that I could get.
The most useful thing	that was useful to me.
This is the only hire car	that you can do is leave now.
You can have everything	that you want.

After words for **time** and **place**, we can use ***when*** and ***where*** as relatives.

*I'll never forget **the day when** I first met you. ( – ... the day **on which** ...)*

*Do you know **a shop where** I can find sandals? (= ... a shop **at which** ...)*

## leaving out **relative pronouns**

**We can leave out object pronouns *who(m)*, *which* and *that*.**

*Where's **that** nurse I saw last time?*

*These are problems **you** don't have.*

### **DO IT YOURSELF**

**1 In which three sentences do you feel the relative pronoun can be left out?**

- 1 The job **that** he got wasn't very interesting.
- 2 A woman **who(m)** my sister knows has just bought the house next door.
- 3 The doctor **who** treated me didn't know what he was doing.
- 4 I'm sorry for people **who** haven't got a sense of humour.
- 5 Have you got anything **that** will clean this carpet?
- 6 Have you got a typewriter **that** I can use?

**Which rule is correct? Check your answer in the key.**

We can leave out a relative pronoun:

- 1 when it refers to a person.
- 2 when it refers to a thing.
- 3 when it is the subject in its clause.
- 4 when it is the object in its clause. —

**▲ 2 Is the relative pronoun the subject or object in these clauses?**

- 1 That's the woman **who** lives next door.
- 2 Our doctor is a person **whom** I really respect.
- 3 He had a simple idea **which** changed the world.
- 4 I've lost **that** nice ring **which** Bill gave me.
- 5 It's a book **that** everybody talks about and nobody reads.
- 6 Once there were three rabbits **that** lived near a river.
- 7 That's the man **who** I wanted to see.
- 8 An orphan is a child **who** hasn't got any parents.
- 9 He keeps telling you things **which** you already know.
- 10 They never thanked me for the money **that** I sent them.

**▲ 3 Look again at Exercise 2. Take the sentences in which the relative pronoun is the object, and rewrite them without *who(m)/which/that*.**

▲ 4 Make each pair of sentences into one sentence without using **who(m)/which/that**.

- 1 You asked me to get you a paper. Here's the paper. (*Here's ...*)
- 2 You recommended a film. We went to see the film, but we didn't think much of it. (*We went ...*)
- 3 My sister bought a new car last month. The car has broken down four times already. (*The car ...*)
- 4 You didn't recognise an actor on television last night. The actor was Kiefer Sutherland. (*The actor ...*)
- 5 Jane had some friends at school. Only a very few of the friends went on to university. (*Only ...*)
- 6 My father had an operation for his heart problem. The operation was only a partial success. (*The operation ...*)
- 7 Mark wrote an essay while we were on holiday. The essay has won a prize in the school competition. (*The essay ...*)
- 8 My daughter brings friends home. Some of the friends look as though they never wash. (*Some of ...*)



'It's really very simple, Miss Everhart. Now you just move the cursor across the screen to the area of the world you wish to destroy.'

**Women have their faults  
Men have only two:  
Everything they say,  
Everything they do.**

*Traditional*

**Everything I like is either illegal,  
immoral or fattening.**

*Traditional*

For relative clauses ending in prepositions (e.g. *That's the girl I told you about*), see page 290.

# what = 'the thing that' etc

We can use **what** to mean 'the thing(s) that' or 'the stuff that'.  
**What** is like a **noun + relative pronoun** together.

**What** she said made me angry.      I gave him **what** he needed.

We don't use **what** after *all*, *everything* or *nothing* (see page 271).  
**Everything that** I have is yours. (NOT ~~Everything what~~ ...)

## 1 Join the beginnings and ends using **what**. Examples:

*I'll pay for what I broke.      What I need is a drink*

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
I'll pay for	happened to poor Harry?
I need	I broke.
Did you read about	I don't eat.
He just teaches you	I expected
I want to know	I meant.
The dog can have	is a drink.
The holiday wasn't at all	made me very happy.
They hadn't got	she asked for.
You misunderstood – that isn't	is where's my car gone?
you said	you already know.



'I've already met the tall, dark man. **What** I'd like to know is, where is he now?'

For emphasising uses of **what**, see page 235.

# relative whose

We can join sentences by putting **whose** in place of **his**, **her** or **its**. This structure is rather formal.

*I saw a girl. **Her** beauty took my breath away. → I saw a girl **whose** beauty took my breath away.*

*He went to a meeting. He didn't understand **its** purpose. → He went to a meeting **whose** purpose he didn't understand.*

## 1 Make sentences with **whose**.

- 1 A good builder is one whose houses don't fall down.
- 2 A good parent is one whose \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A good gardener \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A good doctor \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 A good writer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 A good teacher \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 A good tourist guide \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 A good cook \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 In the Alpine village of Fernalm, everybody is related to everybody else. Can you sort out the four sentences, putting in **whose** where necessary, so as to make everything clear? Example:

1 Anton, whose brother Fritz ...

- 1 • Anton,
  - sister Anneliese also helps out in the sports shop
  - brother Fritz helps him run the sports shop
  - lives with Marika
- 2 • girlfriend Heidrun is an instructor at the ski school
  - Anneliese has a younger brother Max
  - wife Paula works in the restaurant run by Anton's other brother Toni
- 3 • daughter Liesl runs the pizzeria
  - wife Monika works part-time for the baker down the road. Karsten
  - The person in charge of the ski school at the moment is Klaus
- 4 • wife Christiane was national ice-dancing champion in her younger days
  - Monika also helps in the bar, the 'Happy Skier', which is run by Erwin
  - uncle Erich runs a hotel, in partnership with Klaus's brother Paul



# non-identifying relative clauses

Some relative clauses **identify** – they say **which** person or thing, or **what kind of person or thing**, you are talking about. Others **do not identify**.

## DO IT YOURSELF

**1 Look at the following pairs of sentences. Which relative clauses identify – the ones in the 'a' sentences or those in the 'b' sentences? Check your answers in the key.**

- 1 a The woman **who/that does my hair** has just had a baby.  
b Dorothy, **who does my hair**, has just had a baby.
- 2 a She married a man (**that/who/whom**) **she met on a bus**.  
b She married a nice architect from Belfast, **whom she met on a bus**.
- 3 a Have you got a book **that's really easy to read**?  
b I lent him *The Old Man and the Sea*, **which is really easy to read**.
- 4 a What did you think of the wine (**that**) **we drank last night**?  
b I poured him a glass of wine, **which he drank at once**.

## DO IT YOURSELF

**2 Look at Exercise 1 again and answer the questions. Check your answers in the key.**

- 1 Without the relative clauses, which make more sense – the 'a' sentences or the 'b' sentences?
- 2 Non-identifying relative clauses (in the 'b' sentences) have commas (,). Why do you think this is?
- 3 In which kind of clause can we use *that* instead of *who(m)* or *which*?
- 4 In which kind of clause can we leave out a relative pronoun when it is the object?
- 5 Do you think non-identifying clauses are more common in a formal or an informal style?

▲ **3 Change *who/whom/which* to *that*, or leave it out, if possible.**

- 1 This is Peter Taylor, who works with my sister.
- 2 People who don't answer letters annoy me.
- 3 What happened to the oranges which I bought yesterday?
- 4 This room, which isn't used any more, belonged to our eldest son.
- 5 My Uncle Sebastian, who has always been a bit of a traveller, has just gone off to Thailand.
- 6 We live in a village called Netherwold, which has 150 inhabitants.
- 7 I like a film which has a beginning, a middle and an end – in that order.
- 8 I've had a card from Sally, who used to live next door.

- 9 Do you remember those people who we met in Corfu?
- 10 We had some good advice from Mr Blenkinsop, whom we consulted about investments.
- 11 She took twelve aspirins, which is six times the normal dose.
- 12 He published a book called *Asleep in the Bath*, which nobody ever read.

Note the use of **which** to refer to a whole clause. Compare:

*The dentist pulled out **the teeth which/that** were causing the trouble.*

(‘Which/that’ just refers to ‘the teeth’.)

*The dentist had to pull out two of my teeth, **which** was a real pity.*

(‘Which’ refers to the whole clause before: ‘The dentist ... teeth’.)

Note that **what** cannot be used in this way.

*He got the job, **which** surprised us all. (NOT ... ~~what~~ surprised us all.)*

#### ▲ 4 Put in **which** or **what**.

- 1 She cycles to work every day, \_\_\_\_ keeps her healthy.
- 2 I very much liked \_\_\_\_ you said at the meeting.
- 3 They gave me \_\_\_\_ I asked for.
- 4 The lights suddenly went out, \_\_\_\_ frightened Granny terribly.
- 5 This is \_\_\_\_ I need.
- 6 Everybody arrived late, \_\_\_\_ didn't surprise me in the least.
- 7 The door was locked, \_\_\_\_ was a nuisance.
- 8 He wouldn't tell me \_\_\_\_ I wanted to know.
- 9 She let me borrow one of her dresses, \_\_\_\_ was very kind of her.
- 10 We're going to have to repair the roof, \_\_\_\_ will cost a fortune.

AUGUST 5 1950

The women's Channel swim record was broken today by an American woman, who cut an hour off the time set 24 years ago. Florence Chadwick had

September 9 1971

GEOFFREY JACKSON, the 56-year-old British Ambassador to Uruguay, who has been held captive for eight months by the left-wing Tupamaros guerrillas, was released tonight.

January 16 1979

THE SHAH of Iran fled from his capital today, driven into exile by supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, who has masterminded the downfall of the 'Peacock Throne' from his own exile in Paris.

JANUARY 25 1971

PRESIDENT MILTON OBOTE of Uganda, who has been attending the Commonwealth conference in Singapore, has been overthrown by his army commander, General Idi Amin, who accused Obote of

December 8 1980

JOHN LENNON, who as one of the Beatles helped shape the music and philosophies of a generation, was shot dead late tonight outside the Dakota Building, his home in New York.

# reduced relative clauses

We sometimes leave out **who/which/that** + **is/are/was/were**.

Do you know that man **standing near the door**?

( = ... **who is standing** ...)

The man **accused of the killing** said that he was at the cinema at the time.

( = The man **who was accused** ...)

Letters **posted before twelve noon** will usually be delivered by the next day.

## ▲ 1 Change the sentences as shown in the examples.

Paper that is made from rice is sometimes used for stationery.

*Paper made from rice is sometimes used for stationery.*

- 1 Who's that good-looking man who is talking to Alison?
- 2 Luggage that is left unattended will be taken away by police.
- 3 Left-handed children who are forced to write with their right hands often develop psychological problems.
- 4 The nurse who is looking after my aunt is very kind to her.
- 5 All the rubbish that is floating in the sea is a real danger to health.
- 6 Ham which is made in the traditional way costs more, but tastes better.
- 7 Women tourists who are wearing trousers are not allowed in the temple.
- 8 James thought that the man who was with his girlfriend was her brother.
- 9 The man who was bitten by my neighbour's dog was her husband's boss.

## ▲ 2 Join the sentences without using **who/which/that**. Example:

There was a man. The man was seen running from the burning building.

*There was a man seen running from the burning building*

- 1 I keep having a dream in which there's a woman. The woman is standing with her back to me.
- 2 James says he heard a shot. The shot was fired in the street.
- 3 Are those your trousers? The trousers are hanging over the balcony.
- 4 They live in a beautiful old house. The house was built 300 years ago.
- 5 The Navajo are famous for beautiful jewellery. The jewellery is made of silver and turquoise.
- 6 Passengers are asked to keep behind the yellow line. The passengers are standing on Platform 2.
- 7 Pauline has a very strange old painting of a woman. The woman is holding a small dog.

# relatives: revision

## 1 Put in **which**, **what** or **that**.

- 1 He spoke very fast, \_\_\_\_ made it hard to understand him.
- 2 Thanks, but that's not \_\_\_\_ I wanted.
- 3 I'll tell you something \_\_\_\_ will surprise you.
- 4 I did \_\_\_\_ I could.
- 5 I did everything \_\_\_\_ I could.
- 6 She kept falling over, \_\_\_\_ made everybody laugh.
- 7 He's a university professor, \_\_\_\_ is hard to believe.
- 8 You can have anything \_\_\_\_ you want.
- 9 Her sense of humour – that's \_\_\_\_ attracts people to her.
- 10 He said nothing \_\_\_\_ made sense.

## ▲ 2 (a) Put in **nothing** at all, or (b) if that is not possible, put in **that**, or (c) if that is not possible, put in **who(m)** or **which**.

- 1 This is Ann Hargreaves, \_\_\_\_ runs the bookshop.
- 2 Have you heard about the problems \_\_\_\_ Joe's having at work?
- 3 Never buy yourself anything \_\_\_\_ eats.
- 4 I don't like people \_\_\_\_ can't laugh at themselves.
- 5 We took the M4 motorway, \_\_\_\_ goes straight to Bristol.
- 6 I'll never forget the first film \_\_\_\_ I saw.
- 7 Harry Potter, \_\_\_\_ writes detective stories, lives in our street.
- 8 I think this is the best holiday \_\_\_\_ we've ever had.
- 9 I'm looking for something \_\_\_\_ will clean leather.
- 10 We planted some birch trees, \_\_\_\_ grow tall very quickly.

## – ■ Put the quotations together.

'I'll discuss it with you,' she  
said, in a voice

A politician is a statesman

Any man who hates dogs and  
babies

Anyone who has been to an  
English public school

Consultants are people who

No man can lose

Nothing that is worth knowing

borrow your watch and tell you what time it is,  
then walk off with your watch.

*Robert Townsend*

can be taught. *Oscar Wilde*

can't be all bad. *L Rosten on W C Fields*

that could have been used to defrost her  
refrigerator. *Rex Stout*

what he never had. *Izaak Walton*

who approaches every question with an open

mouth. *Adlai Stevenson*

will feel comparatively at home in prison.

*Evelyn Waugh*

# reading relative clauses

**Relative clauses can make sentences more difficult to read.**

A 36-year-old teacher **who was arrested in Cardiff after trying to set fire to a school** is said to have seriously injured two policemen.

The financial problems **which some of the company's branches have been facing over the last eighteen months** are mainly caused by increased foreign competition.

## DO IT YOURSELF

**1 Why do the relative clauses make the above sentences harder to read? Check your answer in the key.**

- 1 They separate the subject from the object.
- 2 They separate the subject from the verb.
- 3 They separate the verb from the object.

**When relative pronouns are left out, this can make reading difficult.**

The woman Barbara was out shopping with **that Tuesday afternoon** was her stepmother. (= The woman **that** Barbara was out shopping with ...)

**▲ 2 Make these sentences easier to read by adding who(m)/which/that.**

- 1 The earrings he gave her for Christmas must have cost at least £500.
- 2 The fax he got that morning was addressed to someone else.
- 3 The sofa we bought last year is falling to pieces already.
- 4 The people he had hoped to introduce Lee to were not there.
- 5 The flat the terrorists hid the guns in was owned by an MP.
- 6 The song she could not remember the name of was *Rambling Boy*.

**Relative clauses can put together nouns and verbs that do not belong together.**

The hair of the young woman sitting next to me on the park bench was **purple**. (It was not the park bench that was purple.)

The picture that I put in Helen's room **needs cleaning**.  
(It's not the room that needs cleaning.)

▲ 3 Read the sentences and answer the questions.

- 1 The rosebush Sue gave to my little sister is growing beautifully.  
(Who or what is growing?)
- 2 The two tall men we saw with Duncan and Jack were their nephews.  
(Who are the uncles and who are the nephews?)
- 3 The man my mother was working for before she met my father was very intelligent, but also very disorganised. (Who was disorganised?)
- 4 A woman who lives near my sister has just won the national lottery.  
(Has my sister won the lottery?)
- 5 The newspaper which first made contact with the kidnappers telephoned the police immediately. (Who telephoned?)
- 6 Police called to a house in Aston, Hampshire, after neighbours reported cries for help found 18-year-old J... E... stuck in a cat-flap after being locked out of his home. (Who found him?)

▲ 4 Here are the ends of some sentences. Find the beginnings in the box.

- 1 Spain taught me things about myself I had never suspected.
- 2 my wedding was bought in a little shop in Bath.
- 3 my parents' home was the nicest place I've ever lived in.
- 4 the airport in Memphis was going to Italy to collect a tiger for a zoo.
- 5 my little cousin Pam had crazy plans for an expedition to the North Pole.

A very ordinary-looking woman I got talking to at  
 A man I met by chance on a business trip to  
 Some Polish people I was introduced to by  
 The dress my sister wore to  
 The little flat that I rented just after I left

▲ 5 Can you write some beginnings for these endings?

- 1 \_\_\_\_ my brother had rain coming through the roof.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ the green armchair is Emma's boyfriend.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ me doesn't work.

**Reduced relative clauses** (see page 278) can be hard to read. Some examples:

*Most of the people arrested had been in trouble before.*

(= ... the people who were arrested ...)

*Three quarters of those questioned wanted more money.*

(= ... those who were questioned ...)

*Three children found sleeping in Abbey Park late last night were taken to a foster home by social workers.*

(= ... children who were found ...)

*A lot of the buildings designed by architects don't take young children.*

## whoever, no matter who etc

We can use **whoever** to mean 'it doesn't matter who', 'anybody who' or 'the person who'.

**Whoever** told you that was lying.

**Whoever** comes to the door, tell them I'm out.

I'm not opening the door, **whoever** you are.

**Whatever**, **whichever**, **whenever**, **wherever** and **however** are used in similar ways. Present tenses are used to talk about the future after these words.

**Whatever** you do, I'll always love you. (NOT ~~Whatever you'll do~~ ...)

**Whichever** of them you marry, you'll have problems.

I try to see Vicky **whenever** I go to London.

**Wherever** he goes, he'll find friends.

**However** much he eats, he never gets fat.

### 1 Put in **whoever**, **whatever** etc.

- 1 \_\_\_\_ you marry, make sure he can cook.
- 2 Keep calm, \_\_\_\_ happens.
- 3 You'll be very welcome, \_\_\_\_ day you come.
- 4 The people in Canada were friendly \_\_\_\_ we went.
- 5 You can stay with us \_\_\_\_ you like.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ many times you say that, I won't believe you.
- 7 I'll marry \_\_\_\_ I like.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ you explain it to her, she's still going to be angry.
- 9 It's certain to be a good game. \_\_\_\_ wins.
- 10 \_\_\_\_ I try to talk to her she goes out of the room.



'Well, wherever he is, he's just dug up two dozen snowdrops!'

▲ 2 Rewrite the following sentences using **whoever**, **whatever** etc.

**Example:**

I don't know who directed this film, but it's not much good.

*Whoever directed this film, it's not much good*

- 1 Send it to the person who pays the bills.
- 2 The thing that is in that box is making a very funny noise.
- 3 People always want more, it doesn't matter how rich they are.
- 4 It doesn't matter how you travel, it'll take you at least three days.
- 5 You can say what you like, I don't think he's the right man for you.
- 6 Use which room you like, but make sure you clean it up afterwards.
- 7 It doesn't matter what problems you have, you can always come to me for advice.
- 8 The person who phoned just now was very polite.
- 9 Any time I see you I feel nervous.
- 10 It doesn't matter what you do; I'll love you.

We can use **no matter who/what/when** etc in the same way as **whoever** etc.

*No matter who comes to the door, tell them I'm out.*

3 Put in **no matter who/what/etc.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_ you do, I'll always believe in you.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ he goes, he'll find friends.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ hard he tries, he always gets everything wrong.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ you say, I know I'm right.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ we go away, Paul won't be able to come with us.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ many times I tell them, they forget.

**Whether ... or ...** can be used to mean 'It doesn't matter whether ... or ...'.

*Whether we go by bus or train, it'll take at least six hours.*

*I'm staying whether you like it or not.*

4 Put the sentences together.

Whether he's lying Whether we tell her now Whether you're a beginner Whether you ski downhill Whether you like her	or an expert, or cross-country, or dislike her, or later, or telling the truth,	it's a wonderful story. she's not going to be pleased. the equipment costs a lot. you have to admire her. you'll learn something from the course.
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# prepositions with verbs, nouns etc

- 1 Test yourself. See if you know what **preposition** is needed with each of these words. (Write ' ' if no preposition is used.)

- 1 Don't **approach** \_\_\_\_\_ the dog.
- 2 I **arrived** \_\_\_\_\_ the station at six.
- 3 If you don't know, **ask** \_\_\_\_\_ John.
- 4 She's very **good** \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
- 5 **Congratulations** \_\_\_\_\_ your success.
- 6 The bus **crashed** \_\_\_\_\_ a tree.
- 7 It all **depends** \_\_\_\_\_ the weather.
- 8 I'd like **details** \_\_\_\_\_ your courses.
- 9 Let's **discuss** \_\_\_\_\_ your plans.
- 10 I **divided** the cake \_\_\_\_\_ three parts.
- 11 Why is she **dressed** \_\_\_\_\_ black?
- 12 Nobody **entered** \_\_\_\_\_ the room.
- 13 This is an **example** \_\_\_\_\_ his work.
- 14 There is no **increase** \_\_\_\_\_ prices.
- 15 I'm **interested** \_\_\_\_\_ most sports.
- 16 He was very **kind** \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- 17 The soup **lacks** \_\_\_\_\_ salt.
- 18 I'm **looking** \_\_\_\_\_ a place to live.
- 19 He has to **look** \_\_\_\_\_ his mother.
- 20 My sister is **married** \_\_\_\_\_ a builder.
- 21 She **married** \_\_\_\_\_ him last year.
- 22 He wasn't very **nice** \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 23 Have you **paid** \_\_\_\_\_ the drinks?
- 24 We need **proof** \_\_\_\_\_ his story.
- 25 What's the **reason** \_\_\_\_\_ the change?
- 26 You **remind** me \_\_\_\_\_ your brother.
- 27 Who's **responsible** \_\_\_\_\_ security?
- 28 I didn't **take part** \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
- 29 Could you **translate** this \_\_\_\_\_ Greek?
- 30 That's just **typical** \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- 31 I'm reading a novel \_\_\_\_\_ Dickens.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ **my opinion** you're wrong.
- 33 Who's the man \_\_\_\_\_ **the picture**?
- 34 I love walking \_\_\_\_\_ **the rain**.
- 35 Don't talk \_\_\_\_\_ that silly **voice**.
- 36 The answer's \_\_\_\_\_ **page 29**.

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 2 Look at the examples and complete the rule for the use of **at**, **in** and **on** to talk about time. Check your answers in the key.

in 1976      in June  
 in the morning      at 4.15  
 at lunchtime      on Sunday  
 on Monday afternoon  
 at Christmas      at the weekend

### Rule

- \_\_\_\_\_ + clock time
- \_\_\_\_\_ + part of a day
- \_\_\_\_\_ + part of a particular day
- \_\_\_\_\_ + particular day
- \_\_\_\_\_ + weekend, public holiday
- \_\_\_\_\_ + longer period

- 3 Only one of these expressions has a **preposition**. Which one?

- 1 I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ next Monday.
- 2 I'm not free \_\_\_\_\_ this Thursday.
- 3 Tell me \_\_\_\_\_ what time it starts.
- 4 The exam's \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday.
- 5 Let's meet \_\_\_\_\_ one weekend.
- 6 I train \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
- 7 She phoned \_\_\_\_\_ this evening.

- 4 Put in **at**, **in**, **on** or **-**.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Easter
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 1994
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the evening
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ May
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ next Wednesday
- 8 I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ what time
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ supper time
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ this Sunday
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ that afternoon
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday afternoon

# at/in and to

- 1 Look at the examples, and complete the rule with words from the box. Check your answers in the key.**

*I met her **at** a concert.*

*Let's go **to** a concert.*

*He's **in** London.*

*I sent it **to** London yesterday.*

## Rule

At and in are used for \_\_\_\_\_. To is used for \_\_\_\_\_.

distance	experience	intentions	movement
position	time		

**If we say what we do in a place before we say where we go, we use at/in with the place. Compare:**

*Let's go **to** Marcel's for coffee.*

*Let's go and **have coffee at** Marcel's. (NOT ... ~~to~~ Marcel's.)*

- 2 Do you know which of these verbs can be followed by at + person?**

ask	call	laugh	look	phone	point	shoot
smile	speak	talk	walk	wave	write	

**You can shout at or to somebody; you can throw something at or to somebody. Do you know the difference?**

- 3 Put in the correct preposition.**

- I've spent the day \_\_\_\_ York.
- Why don't you take Joe \_\_\_\_ the cinema?
- Your key's \_\_\_\_ the reception desk.
- We usually meet \_\_\_\_ the pub.
- They're delivering the furniture \_\_\_\_ my flat on Tuesday.
- What's the easiest way to get \_\_\_\_ Bristol?
- Stop shouting \_\_\_\_ me.
- Throw the keys down \_\_\_\_ me and I'll let myself in.
- Let's throw snowballs \_\_\_\_ Mrs Anderson.
- Can you shout \_\_\_\_ Paul and tell him it's supper time?
- When you smile \_\_\_\_ me like that I'll do anything for you.
- Promise you'll write \_\_\_\_ me every day.
- I went \_\_\_\_ Canada to see my father.
- I went to see my father \_\_\_\_ Canada.

# by and until

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples, and put together the best explanations of how to use **by** and **until**. Check your answers in the key.

'Can you repair my watch if I leave it **until** Saturday?'

'No, but we can do it **by** next Tuesday.'

You can have the car **until** this evening.

But you must bring it back **by** six o'clock at the latest.

**By** is used  
**Until** is used

- 1 to say that a situation will continue up to a certain moment.
- 2 to say that something will happen around a certain time.
- 3 to say that something will happen at or before a certain moment.

In an informal style we often use **till** instead of **until**.

- 2 Complete the sentences with **by** or **until**.

- 1 'Can I stay \_\_\_\_ the weekend?'
- 2 'Yes, but you'll have to leave \_\_\_\_ Monday midday at the latest.'
- 3 This form must be returned \_\_\_\_ April 17.
- 4 We'll just have to wait \_\_\_\_ he's ready to see us.
- 5 The books have got to go back to the library \_\_\_\_ Tuesday.
- 6 Do you think you can finish the painting \_\_\_\_ Easter?
- 7 'Can I borrow your raincoat?' '\_\_\_\_ when?'
- 8 You ought to use this meat \_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- 9 There won't be any trees left \_\_\_\_ the year 2050.
- 10 She went on screaming \_\_\_\_ somebody came.

Before a verb, we can use **by the time**. (For **until** before a verb, see p. 238.)

*He'll be gone **by the time** we get home.*



'And returned by one o'clock.  
I go to lunch then.'

# for and during

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples. Which word tells you **how long** and which word tells you **when**? Check your answers in the key.

*My father was in hospital **for** six weeks **during** the summer.*

(NOT ... ~~during six weeks~~ ...)

*It rained **during** the night **for** two or three hours*

- 2 Put in **for** or **during**.

- 1 Drinks will be served \_\_\_\_ the interval.
- 2 I'll come and see you \_\_\_\_ a few minutes \_\_\_\_ the afternoon.
- 3 They met \_\_\_\_ the war.
- 4 He said nothing \_\_\_\_ a long time.
- 5 I woke up several times \_\_\_\_ the night.
- 6 She studied in America \_\_\_\_ two years.

# opposite and in front of

OPPO SITE IN FRONT OF

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the picture. Which is **opposite** the house ~ the bus stop or the car? Which is **in front of** the house? Check your answers in the key.



- 2 Put in **opposite** or **in front of**.

- 1 There's a supermarket \_\_\_\_ my house.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ me in the queue there was a very strange-looking woman.
- 3 I can't see the TV if you stand \_\_\_\_ it.
- 4 The lifts are directly \_\_\_\_ the reception desk.
- 5 Somebody's parked \_\_\_\_ my garage door, and I can't get my car out.
- 6 She sat down \_\_\_\_ me and started talking to me.

# between and among

## DO IT YOURSELF

- 1 Look at the examples and complete the rules. Check these in the key.

*She was standing **between** Alice and Mary.*

*Our house is **between** the woods, the river and the village.*

*His house is hidden **among** the trees.*

*We were in a little valley **between** high mountains.*

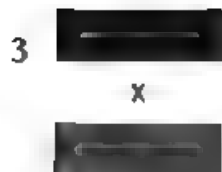
### RULES

We say \_\_\_\_ a group, crowd or mass of things that are not seen separately.

We say \_\_\_\_ two or more clearly separate people or things.

We say \_\_\_\_ things on two sides.

- 2 Look at the diagrams. Is X *between* or *among* the other things?



- 3 Put in *between* or *among*.

- 1 I saw something \_\_\_\_ the wheels of the car.
- 2 She was standing \_\_\_\_ a crowd of children.
- 3 We'll come and see you some time \_\_\_\_ Christmas and Easter.
- 4 I found the letter hidden away \_\_\_\_ some old photographs.
- 5 This is just one problem \_\_\_\_ many.
- 6 Switzerland lies \_\_\_\_ France, Germany, Austria and Italy.
- 7 I couldn't see Lily \_\_\_\_ the visitors.
- 8 The ball hit him directly \_\_\_\_ the eyes.
- 9 The lift got stuck \_\_\_\_ two floors of the hotel.
- 10 She stood there \_\_\_\_ piles of suitcases looking for a taxi.

# prepositions at the end of questions

**Prepositions often come at the end of questions.**

*With whom ...? For what ...? etc are unusual and very formal.*

**We usually prefer *Who ... with? What ... for? etc.***

## 1 Write questions for these answers, using 'Who ...?' or 'What ...?'

**Example:**

'I went with my sister.' 'Who did you go with?'

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 'I'm thinking about my exams.'  | 6 'She hit him with her shoe.'     |
| 2 'I bought it from Janice.'      | 7 'My father works for Shell Oil.' |
| 3 'She sent it to the police.'    | 8 'I made it for you.'             |
| 4 'I'll carry it in a paper bag.' | 9 'The book's about Egypt.'        |
| 5 'You can eat it with a spoon.'  | 10 'I was talking to Patrick.'     |

## 2 Write questions for these answers, using 'Who ...?' or 'What ...?'

**Example:**

'Soup.' (start) 'What are we starting with?'

- |                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 'A bus.' (wait)            | 6 'A strange bird.' (look)         |
| 2 'The future.' (worried)    | 7 'My keys.' (look)                |
| 3 'Films.' (talking)         | 8 'Travel and music.' (interested) |
| 4 'The manager.' (speak)     | 9 'My mother.' (write)             |
| 5 'Universal Export.' (work) | 10 'Life.' (think)                 |

## 3 Make questions with some of these words and expressions, using 'What ... you ...?' or 'Who ... you ...?'. Example:

What Who are you looking at? OR ... looking for?

looking	waiting	listening	play tennis	country
letter	get it	have lunch	buy that car	in love
change your job	studying English			

**Note the common structure *Where ... to/from?***

**Where should I send it to?**

**'Where do you come from? / Where are you from?' 'Canada.'**

# prepositions in relative clauses

In relative clauses (after *who*, *whom*, *which*, *that*), **verb + preposition** combinations usually **stay together**. This means that prepositions can be separated from their relative pronoun objects.

	OBJECT		VERB + PREPOSITION
<i>something</i>	( <i>that</i> )	<i>you can</i>	<b>write with</b>
<i>the girl</i>	( <i>whom</i> )	<i>I was</i>	<b>talking about</b>
<i>the music</i>	( <i>which</i> )	<i>we</i>	<b>listened to</b>

Prepositions can also go before their objects, but this is usually very formal.

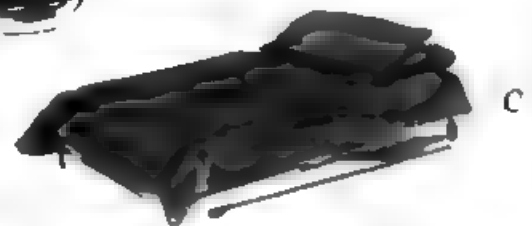
*something* **with which** you write      *the girl* **about whom** I was talking  
*the music* **to which** she listened

## 1 Join the beginnings and ends to make sensible sentences.

BEGINNINGS	ENDS
A cup is	something that a child plays with
A picture is	something that water comes out of.
A tap is	something that you can look at.
A toy is	something that you can look through.
A vase is	something that you drink out of.
A window is	something that you put flowers in.

## 2 Put the words in order. Which description goes with which picture?

- bite you with things that
- in something you sleep that
- on you that something put things
- valuables in you that put something
- teeth with you that thing a your clean
- on a thing hang that clothes you
- with liquid dishes you wash that
- can a fire start with you that something



D

E

F

G

H

# 1 Make up similar descriptions for six or more of these things.

a key	a purse	a chair	a fridge	soap	
furniture polish	olive oil	a knife	a razor	a gun	
a notebook	a cooker	money			

# 4 Make these expressions less formal.

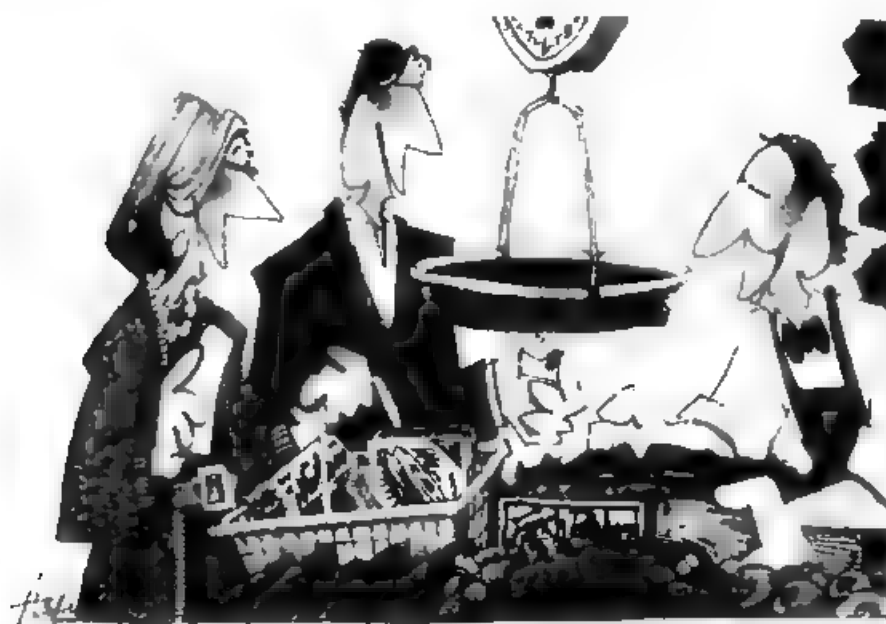
- 1 the people with whom we went on holiday  
*the people we ... OR the people that we ...*
- 2 a man with whom I sometimes play chess  
*a man I ... OR a man that I ...*
- 3 somebody for whom I have great respect
- 4 the girl to whom I was writing
- 5 the problem about which I was worried
- 6 a car for which I paid too much

# 5 Look at the table, and then write some descriptions ending in prepositions. Examples:

*John is the man that Bill plays chess with.*

*Sue is the woman Ron is married to.*

NAME	PLAYS CHESS WITH	IS MARRIED TO	WORKS WITH
Bill	John	Alice	Anne
Ron	Anne	Sue	Mary
Peter	Alice	Anne	Sue
Sally	Mary	John	Alice



'We're planning a small dinner party. Do you have any vegetables no one's heard of yet?'



# prepositions in passive clauses

In passive structures, **verb + preposition** groups stay together. Compare:

ACTIVE: The doctors **operated on** her yesterday morning.

PASSIVE: She was **operated on** yesterday morning.

- 1 Take words from each box to complete the sentences. More than one answer may be possible.

heard	looked	operated	paid	played	sat	slept
spoken	talked					

about	at	for	from	in	of	on	to	with
-------	----	-----	------	----	----	----	----	------

- 1 She was taken into hospital today, and she's going to be \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- 2 I don't like being \_\_\_\_\_ behind my back.
- 3 The new secretary's working very badly. He'll have to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I don't think he came home last night. His bed hasn't been \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 That antique chair's not really meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 It's not really our house yet. It hasn't been \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 He left for America in 1980, and he hasn't been \_\_\_\_\_ since.
- 8 The cat loves being \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 He's so shy: it even upsets him to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2 Make three or more questions from the following table.

Who was	America	Australia	built	by?
	the novel <i>Anna Karenina</i>		composed	
	<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>	directed	
	penicillin	radio	discovered	
	electricity	television	invented	
	the film <i>The Birds</i>		painted	
	the Eiffel Tower	the Taj Mahal	written	
	the Mona Lisa ('La Gioconda')			

- 3 If you are in a class, write more questions like the ones in Exercise 2 and ask other students.

# preposition after adjective + infinitive

**Prepositions come after infinitives in structures like:**

*She's easy to work with.      He's interesting to talk to.*

## 1 Change the sentences. Example:

It's easy to work with Jane. → *Jane's easy to work with.*

- 1 It's nice to talk to her.
- 2 It's difficult to live with him.
- 3 It's impossible to argue with my brother.
- 4 It's not very pleasant to travel in those old trains.
- 5 It's not easy to drive on ice.
- 6 It was difficult to swim across the river.
- 7 It's hard to get to her village.
- 8 It's very easy to get on with him.
- 9 It's difficult to paint with water-colours.
- 10 It's interesting to work with her.

## 2 Join beginnings, middles and ends to make six or more sentences.

BEGINNINGS	MIDDLES	ENDS
A broken cup is	boring	to listen to.
A broken fork is	comfortable	to sit on.
A cushion is	difficult	to eat with.
A small hard chair is	hard	to talk about.
A warm bath is	interesting	to drink out of.
Baby animals are	nice	to listen to.
Classical music is	uncomfortable	to talk to.
Family problems can be		to lie in.
Lectures are often		to play with.
People who travel a lot can be		to sit on.

## 3 Using this structure, what can you say about the following?

a very small spoon      shoes that are too small  
a hard bed      a noisy hotel room      a broken pencil

# numbers

**A hundred, a thousand etc are less formal than one hundred etc. Compare:**

*I'll let you have it for **a hundred** pounds.*

*We are prepared to sell the item for a sum of **one hundred** pounds.*

We use *one hundred* etc when we wish to sound precise.

*It costs exactly **one hundred** dollars.*

We use *one*, not *a*, just before another number or inside a larger number.

1,300: **one** thousand, *three hundred* (NOT ~~a thousand, three hundred~~)

£1.70: **one** pound seventy

six thousand, **one** hundred and eleven (NOT ~~six thousand, a hundred ...~~)

## 1 Write the figures in words.

1 We drove about 100 miles.

2 He wants £1,450 for the car.

3 'What's the population of your village?' 'Oh, 1,000, I suppose.'

4 3,144

5 \$1.85

6 (on a cheque): Pay G S Hallam £1,000 only

**Dozen, hundred, thousand and million have no -s after a number, few or several.**

*three **dozen** bottles (NOT ~~three dozens (of) bottles~~)*

*a few **hundred** times*

*six **thousand** miles*

*several **million** pounds*

In other cases we use *dozens (of)*, *hundreds (of)* etc.

*We've got **dozens of** bottles.*

*He's done it **hundreds of** times.*

*She made **millions** in the property market.*

## 2 Put in **dozen(s) (of)**, **hundred(s) (of)**, **thousand(s) (of)** or **million(s) (of)**.

1 He had to sign his name five \_\_\_\_ times. (*hundred*)

2 We export 40 \_\_\_\_ tons a year. (*million*)

3 I just need to borrow a few \_\_\_\_ pounds. (*hundred*)

4 I've told you \_\_\_\_ times. (*million*)

5 \_\_\_\_ refugees are flooding into the country. (*thousand*)

6 Could I have two \_\_\_\_ eggs? (*dozen*)

**3 Do you know how to spell ordinal numbers? Write these in words.**

1st *first*    2nd    3rd    4th    5th    6th    7th    8th  
 9th    10th    12th    16th    20th    21st    30th  
 100th    1000th

**We use ordinal numbers to say the names of Kings, Queens and popes.**

Henry the **Eighth**

Elizabeth the **Second**

Pius the **Twelfth**



'I'm afraid you've got the wrong number. This is Louis XV.'

**WRITING DATES:** 30 March 1995; 10 June 1980

**SAYING DATES:** *the thirtieth of March / March the thirtieth, nineteen ninety-five*  
*the tenth of June / June the tenth, nineteen eighty*

**4 Change these from written to spoken or from spoken to written form.**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1 the tenth of April, nineteen ninety-six      | 4 16 May 1970     |
| 2 September the seventeenth, nineteen eleven   | 5 12 March 1993   |
| 3 the sixteenth of June, nineteen seventy-nine | 6 14 January 1986 |

**Telephone numbers are usually said one number at a time.**

3174522: *three one seven four five two two* (OR ... *double two*)

20645: *two oh* (OR *zero*) *six four five*

**5 Write the following all in words:**

- 1 your telephone number
- 2 your date of birth
- 3 the approximate population of your home village/town and your country

# contractions

Contractions like *she's*, *isn't* represent the pronunciation of informal speech. They are common and correct in **informal writing**, but unusual in formal writing.

AFFIRMATIVE CONTRACTIONS: PRONOUN + 'M, 'RE, 'S, 'VE, 'D, 'LL	NEGATIVE CONTRACTIONS: AUXILIARY VERB / BE + N'T	
I am → I'm we are → we're she is → she's he has → he's I have → I've you had → you'd you would → you'd they will → they'll	are not → aren't is not → isn't have not → haven't has not → hasn't had not → hadn't do not → don't does not → doesn't did not → didn't will not → won't	shall not → shan't would not → wouldn't should not → shouldn't cannot → can't could not → couldn't might not → mightn't must not → mustn't ought not → oughtn't need not → needn't

With *be*, two negative forms are common: *you're not* or *you aren't*, *she's not* or *she isn't* etc. With other verbs, the forms with *n't* are more common.

**Am not** is contracted to **aren't** only in questions.

*I'm late. aren't I? BUT I'm not ready. (NOT I-aren't-ready.)*

The contraction **'s** (= *is* or *has*) can be written after pronouns, nouns, question words, *there* and *here*.

*It's late. Your father's gone home. How's everything?*

*There's the phone. Here's your money.*

The contractions **'re**, **'ve**, **'d** and **'ll** are normally only written after pronouns.

## 1 Rewrite these sentences using contractions.

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 I am tired.                | 10 My car has broken down.  |
| 2 She is French.             | 11 You need not worry.      |
| 3 She has forgotten.         | 12 I cannot swim.           |
| 4 They have finished.        | 13 The door will not close. |
| 5 I thought you had left.    | 14 It does not matter.      |
| 6 We will tell you tomorrow. | 15 I have not forgotten.    |
| 7 I wish he would stop.      | 16 I am not sorry.          |
| 8 How is your mother?        | 17 Why are you not in bed?  |
| 9 Nobody is perfect.         | 18 Do you not like this?    |

**Affirmative contractions are not usually stressed.** When an affirmative auxiliary verb is stressed (for example at the end of a sentence) we don't use a contraction. Compare:

'You're late.' 'Yes, **we are.**' (NOT 'Yes, ~~we're.~~')  
 'He's forgotten.' 'I think **he has.**' (NOT 'I think ~~he's.~~')'

Negative contractions can be stressed, and are possible in any position.

'It **isn't** true.' 'No, it **isn't.**'

**2 Rewrite the sentences only if contractions are possible.**

- 1 Can you tell me where she is staying?
- 2 'Remember to take your medicine.' 'Yes, I will.'
- 3 Do you know where she is?
- 4 'Have you paid?' 'No, I have not.'
- 5 'It is not true.'
- 6 'On the contrary, it is true.'
- 7 'Would you like another cup?' 'Yes, I would.'
- 8 I do not believe they are fresh.
- 9 Telephone if you cannot come.
- 10 'Can you help me?' 'No, I cannot just at the moment.'

**3 Complete the poem by putting in the contracted forms of the verbs in the box.**

cannot	he has	he would	I will	that is	there is
we have	you have				

Mother. 1 a strange man  
 Waiting at the door  
 With a familiar sort of face  
 You feel 2 seen before.

Says his name is Jesus  
 Can we spare a couple of bob\*  
 Says 3 been made redundant  
 And now 4 find a job.

Yes I think he is a foreigner  
 Egyptian or a Jew  
 Oh aye, and that reminds me  
5 like some water too.

Well shall I give him what he wants  
 Or send him on his way?  
 OK 6 give him 5p  
 Say 7 all 8 got today.

From Roger McGough: *Three Rusty Nails*

\* a couple of bob (shillings): a little money



## grammar: useful words

It will be easier to use this book if you know the words in the boxes. If you don't know them, we suggest you read the explanations and do the exercises.

noun      singular      plural      countable      uncountable

**Nouns** are mostly **names of things**, e.g. *cat, idea, money, oil, reason, strength*.

**Singular nouns**: *cat, idea, reason*; **plural nouns**: *cats, ideas, reasons*.

**Countable nouns** (e.g. *cat*) can be singular or plural; **uncountable nouns** (e.g. *oil, happiness*) are only singular, and cannot come after *a/an*.

adjective      comparative      superlative

**Adjectives describe things**, e.g. *old, big, strange, ready, famous, impossible*.

**Comparative adjectives**: *older, more famous*.

**Superlative adjectives**: *oldest, most famous*.

determiner      article      possessive      demonstrative

**Determiners** go before (adjectives and) nouns. They include **articles** (*a, the*), **possessives** (e.g. *my, your*), **demonstratives** (e.g. *this, that*) and **quantifiers** (e.g. *some, any, few, much, several, enough*).

**1 Look at the expressions in the box and write down:**

- 1** all the **nouns**, and say whether they are **uncountable, singular countable or plural**
- 2** all the **adjectives**, and say whether they are **ordinary, comparative or superlative**
- 3** all the **determiners**, and say whether they are **articles, possessives, demonstratives or quantifiers**.

a few small potatoes	some cold soup	this stupid suggestion
my best suit	a more interesting book	the cheapest petrol
his older brother	those high buildings	our worst problem
many younger people	these new rules	no dry wood

pronoun    personal    possessive    reflexive    relative

**Pronouns** replace nouns. They include **personal pronouns** (e.g. *I, she, us, you*), **possessive pronouns** (e.g. *mine, yours*), **reflexive pronouns** (e.g. *myself, oneself*) and **relative pronouns** (e.g. *who, whose, which, that*).

- 2 Write down (a) three more **personal pronouns**; (b) three more **possessive pronouns**; (c) three more **reflexive pronouns**.

verb    auxiliary verb    modal auxiliary verb  
tense    future    present    past    simple    progressive    perfect

**Verbs** mostly refer to **actions, events or situations**, e.g. *run, turn, stop, seem*.

The **auxiliary verbs** *be, have* and *do* are used with other verbs to make tenses, questions, negatives and passives.

**Modal auxiliary verbs** are a small group of verbs (*can, may, must* etc – see page 106) which add meanings like possibility or obligation.

**Tenses** are forms of verbs which show **time relations**. There are **future, present** and **past** tenses. These can be **simple** (e.g. *will work, works, worked*), **progressive** (e.g. *will be working, is working, was working*) or **perfect** (e.g. *will have worked, has worked, had worked*).

- 3 Read these sentences and write down the verbs.

She lost her temper.	It never rains there.	Open the door.
This fish tastes funny.	Our team won.	I got a letter from Dave.

- 4 Look at these verbs, and say whether they are **future, present or past** and whether they are **simple, progressive or perfect**. Which are the **auxiliary verbs**?

- 1 will rain
- 2 is working
- 3 had forgotten
- 4 sits
- 5 came
- 6 will be seeing
- 7 was running
- 8 will have finished
- 9 has stopped
- 10 did not answer



conditional	-ing form	infinitive	perfect infinitive
past participle	imperative	active	passive

**Conditionals:** forms made with *would*, e.g. *I **would like** a drink.*

**-ing forms:** *smoking, waiting* etc

**Infinitives:** *I want **to go**. We must **stop*** etc

**Perfect infinitives:** *She must **have arrived*** etc

**Past participles:** *stolen, gone* etc

**Imperatives:** *Please **sit** down; **Go** away* etc

**Active verbs:** *Anne **invited** George; We **make** cars* etc

**Passive verbs:** *George **was invited** by Anne; Cars **are made** in our factory* etc

- 5 Find a conditional, an -ing form, an infinitive, a perfect infinitive, a past participle, an imperative and an active and passive verb in this text, and write them down.**

I smoke too much and I would certainly stop smoking if I could, but when my friends talk about it I just say, 'Shut up and leave me alone. I don't actually think I'll stop unless I'm ordered to by a doctor. I suppose I should never have started.

preposition	adverb	adverb particle
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**Prepositions** help nouns and pronouns to fit into sentences, e.g. *She ran **down** the road; I hate the idea **of** death; I'm glad **about** your new job*

**Adverbs** say more about verbs, adjectives or other parts of a sentence, e.g. *We **really** tried; I **often** see her; **terribly** cold; **right** down the road; I start **today**.*

**Adverb particles** are small adverbs that follow verbs: they look like prepositions, but are not (see page 184), e.g. *Sit **down**; Let's go **on**.*

- 6 Find the prepositions and adverbs and write them down. What sort of word is *out* in *walked out*? Can you write down five more prepositions and five more adverbs?**

Rob usually sits at the back with Ann, but yesterday he suddenly decided to sit at the front by Karen for a change. Ann got terribly upset and started shouting at Rob as loud as she could, so then Rob got upset and walked out in a temper.

subject      object      direct/indirect      complement

The **subject** usually comes before the verb, and most often says who or what **does something**. e.g. ***My father** drives fast cars; **She** sings well.*

The **(direct) object** usually comes after the verb; it often says who or what **something happens to**. e.g. *My father drives **fast cars**; I broke **a cup**.*

Some verbs have two objects: the **indirect object** says who something is given to, done for etc. e.g. *She sent **the manager** a dozen roses.*

## 7 Write down the subjects, direct objects and indirect objects from these sentences.

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Jake writes songs         | 4 What sort of books do you like?   |
| 2 I gave Monica my address. | 5 Write me a postcard when you have |
| 3 Can you tell me the time? | time                                |

After *be*, *seem* and some other verbs, we can describe the subject with a noun or adjective **complement**. e.g. *He's **a doctor**; She seems **nervous**.*

## 8 What are the complements in these sentences?

- |                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 You're pretty.  | 3 Are you a student?           |
| 2 He looks tired. | 4 When I saw him I felt sorry. |

sentence      clause      main/subordinate clause      relative clause  
indirect speech      conjunction      tag      affirmative  
interrogative      negative

A **sentence** begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation mark.

Some sentences have more than one **clause** (e.g. [*I'll phone*] [*when I get home*]).

**Subordinate clauses** are introduced by conjunctions (e.g. **when** *I get home*).

Some **conjunctions**: *if, when, because, while, after, although.*

**Main clauses** (e.g. *I'll phone*) do not need conjunctions.

**Affirmative** verbs/sentences make statements (e.g. *You're late*).

**Interrogative** verbs/sentences ask questions (e.g. *Am I late?*).

**Negative** verbs/sentences are made with *not* (e.g. *I'm not late*).

**9 Write down the conjunctions and subordinate clauses from these sentences. Which sentences have interrogative main clauses? Which have affirmative main clauses? Which have negative main clauses?**

- 1 She talks all the time while I'm trying to work.
- 2 I don't mind if you stay out late.
- 3 Did you tell Alice where you were staying?
- 4 When I get back I'll explain everything.
- 5 Before you went out, did you switch the lights off?
- 6 Although it was snowing, it wasn't very cold.

**Relative clauses** are introduced by relative pronouns, e.g. *This is the switch which turns on the heating*

In **indirect speech**, we use subordinate clauses to report things that are said or thought, e.g. *She said **that I was wrong**; I wondered **if they were lost**.*

**Tags** are short **auxiliary + pronoun** expressions that are added to sentences, e.g. *It's getting warmer. **isn't it?***

consonant	vowel	(un)contracted	stressed	intonation
expression	formal	informal	emphatic	

**Consonants:** *b, c, f, g, h* etc. **Vowels:** *a, e, i, o, u*.

**Uncontracted forms:** *I will, is not* etc. **Contractions** **Contracted forms:** *I'll, isn't* etc.

**Stress:** pronouncing one part of a word or one word, more strongly than others. In **better**, we stress *bett*; in **return**, we stress *turn*; in *It's **late*** we stress *late*.

**Intonation:** the 'musical' movement of the voice up and down. Questions often end with a rising intonation.

**Expression:** a group of words that belong together e.g. *out of work; on Monday*

**Informal** language is used, for example, in friendly conversations: **formal** language, for example, in business letters. *We've got a suggestion* is informal. *We have a suggestion* is formal.

**Emphatic:** expressing something strongly. *We had no money at all* is more emphatic than *We didn't have any money*.

## Answers to exercises

18-19

(*a* and *an*) 1 an 2 a 3 an 4 a 5 a 6 an 7 a 8 a 9 a 10 an  
11 an 12 a 13 a 14 an 15 a 16 a 17 an 18 a

1 (*a/an* and *one*) 1 One 2 a 3 an 4 one/an 5 a 6 one 7 a 8 a 9 one

20-21

1 2 is a doctor 3 is a teacher 4 is a scientist 5 is a musician  
6 is a painter / an artist 7 is a photographer 8 is a secretary 9 is a builder  
10 is a hairdresser 11 is an electrician 12 is a butcher 13 is a mechanic  
14 is a cook 15 is a gardener 16 is a (lorry/truck) driver

2 A curtain is a thing that you put across a window.  
A dictionary is a thing used for finding the meanings of words.  
A dentist is a person who helps people to keep their teeth healthy.  
A lawyer is a person who helps people with legal problems.  
A mechanic is a person who services and repairs cars.  
A tap is a thing that water comes out of  
A teacher is a person who helps people to learn things.  
A telephone is a thing used for talking to people who are far away.

22

1 (*Examples of possible answers*)

1's got a long nose / a small mouth.	7's got a short beard / a round face.
2's got a round face / a nice smile.	8's got a big mouth / a loud voice.
3's got a long neck / a small beard.	9's got a big moustache / a long nose.
4's got an oval face / a long nose.	10's got a small mouth / an oval face.
5's got a small nose / a big mouth.	11's got a small moustache / a nice smile.
6's got a long beard / a bad temper.	12's got a long beard / a square face.

23

1 1 the 2 the 3 a 4 a 5 the; the 6 the; the 7 the; the 8 a; a; the; the  
9 the 10 the  
2 1 the 2 the 3 an 4 the 5 a 6 the 7 the 8 A 9 a 10 the 11 the  
12 the

24-25

1 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 the 7 the 8 the 9 the 10 -  
3 1 the wheel 2 the novel 3 the computer 4 The violin 5 the ballpoint pen  
6 The fax machine 7 the whale 8 The X-ray machine

26-27

1 1 to town, on foot / by bus; by bus / by car 2 at work; to bed 3 to school  
4 at Christmas / at Easter / in summer; at home 5 in the evening, at night  
6 at university; in hospital

2 'He's from Texas.'

3 (*Examples of possible answers*)

B We met the King at dinner in Oxford Prison.  
C Paul went home by car.  
D Anna goes to college in Sydney by bus.  
E All of us met at Boston Airport.  
F It's easy to get to Oxford station on foot.  
G Anna flew to the Hague from Ottawa Airport.  
H All of us went to Oxford Town Hall on foot.  
I Anna flew a plane from Stirling to Lake Huron.  
J I saw Paul at dinner in Stirling yesterday.  
K The King has just come home from Sydney.  
L Can you go by train from the Alps to the North Sea?

- M All of us are going to try and climb Everest.  
 N I travel from home to work by bike.  
 O It's easy to get from Ottawa to Boston by train.  
 P The King was in prison in Cardiff.

## 28-27

- 1 1 a: a: the 2 a: the 3 -: -: - 4 an: a: the 5 an: a 6 an: the 7 -: -  
 8 -: a 9 -: a: - 10 -: -: -: - 11 -: the 12 - 13 -: a: a 14 a the  
 15 a: the: the 16 -: a 17 the: the 18 a: a 19 a: the 20 a: a 21 a: an the  
 22 a: an 23 -: -  
 2 1 -: a (B) 2 the (D) 3 -: -: -: -: - (C) 4 the: a: an: -: a (A)

## 28-28

- 1 **DIY** This belongs to **me**. This is **my** coat. This is **mine**.  
 This belongs to **you**. This is **your** money. This is **yours**.  
 This belongs to **him**. This is **his** car. This is **his**.  
 This belongs to **her**. This is **her** office. This is **hers**.  
 This belongs to **us**. This is **our** house. This is **ours**.  
 This belongs to **them**. This is **their** dog. This is **theirs**.  
**Who** does this belong to? **Whose** bike is this? **Whose** is this bike?  
 2 1 yours: hers 2 Whose: ours 3 your: its 4 his: her 5 their 6 our: theirs  
 7 my: mine  
 3 2 that unemployed brother of hers 8 a beautiful cousin of hers  
 3 another good friend of mine 9 this wonderful news of yours  
 4 a brilliant idea of mine 10 that lazy son of ours  
 5 these stupid plans of his 11 those impossible children of theirs  
 6 those old books of yours 12 these silly cats of ours  
 7 some distant relations of his  
 4 1 his jacket/raincoat 2 her foot mouth 3 its foot tail mouth 4 their coats  
 5 my raincoat jacket 6 your mouth  
 5 'No, he's not ours!'

## 30

- 2 **DIY** With **this/these**: happening now: just about to start: here: near  
 With **that/those**: finished: said before: over there: distant: unwanted  
 3 1 this 2 that 3 these 4 that 5 those 6 this 7 this 8 that 9 that  
 10 That 11 that 12 that 13 this: that  
 4 this

## 31

- 1 1 which 2 What 3 Which 4 Which (or What) 5 What 6 Which 7 What  
 8 Which 9 Which 10 Which 11 What

## 32-33

- 1 1 refuses 2 doubt 3 hardly 4 never 5 seldom 6 without  
 2 1 any: some 2 some 3 anything 4 any 5 some 6 somebody  
 3 1 anybody 2 some 3 some 4 any 5 anything 6 somebody 7 any  
 4 1 any 2 something 3 anything 4 something anything 5 Some  
 6 something 7 any 8 any 9 any 10 some: some 11 anything 12 any  
 13 some any 14 anything 15 anyone someone 16 any 17 any 18 some  
 5 '... anywhere with anybody at any time'

## 34

- 1 1 any 2 - 3 some 4 -: - 5 - 6 some 7 - 8 some 9 some 10 -  
 11 - 12 any 13 some 14 -  
 2 some children

**35** 1 1 no 2 Nobody 3 No 4 none 5 No 6 None 7 no 8 nobody 9 None  
10 no; no; no

2 (Examples of possible answers)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 2 Nobody in my family speaks French.   | 7 There's nothing good on at the cinema. |
| 3 Nobody speaks seventy-six languages. | 8 I had no money.                        |
| 4 There's nothing to eat at home.      | 9 I had nothing to say.                  |
| 5 I'm afraid I've got no coffee.       | 10 None of them.                         |
| 6 There's nobody at home just now.     |  |

**36** 1 1 Any 2 No 3 anything 4 nothing 5 can't hear 6 any 7 nobody  
8 anybody

2 (Examples of possible answers)

- 1 any garage; any supermarket; any post office; any sports shop; any bookshop  
2 any English teacher; any lawyer; any accountant; any photographer; any farmer

**37** 1 A There's no place for women in the church.  
B I suppose you've brought me here to tell me you haven't got any money.  
C It's your birthday? Cook anything you want for supper.  
D I'm sorry, he's not seeing anybody/anyone today.

**38** 1 1 All 2 everything 3 everything 4 everything 5 all 6 everything  
7 everything 8 everything 9 all

2 1 All 2 everybody 3 All 4 all, everybody 5 everybody 6 all

**39** 1 a whole family all the islands the whole road system the whole of South Africa  
all the children the whole country all the traffic the whole of Asia a whole week  
all the vegetables the whole political party all the students all the luggage  
all the meat all the MPs a whole class

**40-41** 2 1 very much / so much 2 as many 3 too much 4 very much / so much  
5 very much / so much 6 as many / so many 7 so many / too many 8 as many

3 1 little 2 little 3 few 4 few 5 little 6 little 7 few; few 8 few

4 1 little 2 a little 3 Few 4 a few 5 a few 6 a little; a little 7 little 8 few

1 It is not much use ... 3 Only a few teenagers ...

7 Nadia didn't drink much coffee, or any alcohol / ... and she didn't drink (any) alcohol.

8 Unfortunately, he hadn't got / didn't have many friends.

**42** 1 1 the least; the fewest 2 Fewer (or Less); less 3 fewer (or less); less 4 less; less  
5 the least 6 the fewest

2 (Examples of possible answers)

- 1 less confident 2 the least optimistic 3 less fluently 4 less prosperous  
5 less politely 6 the least dangerous

**43** 1 1 others 2 other 3 others 4 others 5 other 6 other 7 others 8 others  
9 other 10 other

2 more clothes more friends another child another three pages / three more pages  
another hour another mile more sleep more job possibilities  
another few days / a few more days another hundred pounds more money  
more time more freedom more holidays another problem  
another twenty miles / twenty more miles

**44-45** 1 **DIY** Enough normally comes after an adjective or adverb, and before a noun.

- 2 2 enough money; enough time 3 big enough 4 enough friends 5 old enough  
6 enough champagne 7 hard enough 8 clever enough; enough confidence

3 (Examples of possible answers)

- 2 There were too many people for one car. 3 She was too busy.  
4 It is too expensive. 5 There's too much traffic. 6 I wrote too slowly  
7 There's too much noise in here. 8 No, he's talking/speaking too quickly.

4 (Examples of possible answers)

- 2 not enough people 3 not enough water 4 too much water  
5 too much work 6 too many cats 7 not enough food 8 too much food

5 2 old enough to take 3 too quietly for me to hear

- 4 clean enough for people to swim in 5 well enough to decide  
6 too muddy for them to see 7 too tired to understand 8 well enough to listen  
9 too fast for the police to catch

40-47

- 1 1 of 2 of 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 of 7 of 8 - 9 of 10 of 11 - 12 -  
13 - 14 -

- 2 1 Most people 2 Most of the people 3 most of the people 4 Most people  
5 most people 6 Most of the people 7 most people 8 Most of the people

- 3 ... enough disorder: ... A little less noise ..

48-49

- 1 1 me 2 me 3 he; him 4 Me 5 me; him 6 he; her 7 him  
8 me/him/her 9 me 10 her

- 2 1 Anne has (got) the same car as I have. 6 We're not. We aren't as old as them.  
2 They have been here longer than we 7 He had a bigger meal than me.  
have. 8 I'm not as quick as her.  
3 I am much taller than he is. 9 'We're from York.' 'Me too.'  
4 'He is going to Mexico.' 'So am I.' 10 'Who wants a drink?' 'Me.'  
5 'Who said that?' 'She did.'

- 3 1 She 2 it 3 It's 4 it/her 5 it 6 Who 7 It 8 it 9 who 10 it

50-51

- 1 1 herself 2 himself 3 itself 4 ourselves 5 him 6 yourself 7 herself; her  
8 you/us/her/him 9 me

- 2 1 ourselves 2 herself 3 himself 4 themselves 5 myself 6 itself

- 3 1 each other 2 themselves 3 each other 4 yourselves 5 each other  
6 ourselves

- 4 1 ourselves 2 him 3 each other 4 myself 5 her 6 me/him/her/us them  
7 myself 8 each other 9 itself 10 themselves 11 yourself 12 you; them

52-53

1 (Examples of possible sentences)

- 1 One needs / You need a passport to get into the US.  
2 One needs / You need a ticket to travel by train.  
3 Can one/you fly directly from Gdansk to Prague?  
4 One has / You have to be good at maths to be a physicist.  
5 One needs / You need a warm climate to grow oranges.  
6 One/You can't get a driving licence until one is / you're seventeen.  
7 One/You can't eat soup with a fork.  
8 One has / You have to get up early to see animals in the forest.

- 2 1 They 2 they 3 they 4 They 5 You 6 you 7 your 8 you 9 you  
10 they 11 you 12 them

- 3 1 they 2 their 3 their 4 they; them 5 them 6 her 7 theirs 8 they  
9 them 10 her

54 1 2 red woollen one / big grey leather one 3 unsweetened 4 tall ones  
5 new ones 6 long sunny one 7 Chinese 8 solid practical ones 9 sharp one  
10 big grey leather one

- 2 1 One 2 one 3 Mine 4 some 5 one 6 any 7 hers 8 some

55 1 '... We love you because you're ours, like the car.'  
'You sold my what to who?'  
'Could you tell me if my glasses are ready yet?'  
'Have you seen a lady without me?'  
'Yes, of course it's important enough to disturb him.'  
'Have you any "Do It Herself" books?'

56 1 **uncountable:** dust; flour; happiness; knowledge; love; milk; meat; music; oil; rain;  
snow

**countable:** book; cup; flower; mountain; piano; river; song; table; wall

- 2 1 a glass 2 glass 3 wood 4 a wood 5 pity 6 a pity 7 Time 8 times  
9 beers 10 Beer 11 experience 12 an experience 13 a chicken 14 chicken

57 1 accommodation - flat baggage suitcase bread - loaf furniture table  
information - fact money - banknote publicity - advertisement  
traffic - cars travel - journey work - job

- 2 a flash of lightning; a stroke of luck; a clap of thunder

- 3 'A word of advice, Arthur ...' '... Our baggage has been sent ...'

58 1 **DIY** 1 By adding -s. 2 By changing *y* to *ies*. 3 By adding -s. 4 *s, z, sh, ch, x*  
5 *echoes, heroes, potatoes, tomatoes*.

- 2 addresses boxes brushes computers desks faces guys lists losses  
messes patches peaches plays poppies replies toys trees videos  
witches worries

59 1 1 crisis - crises; means 2 aircraft; sheep 3 dozen; thousand 4 shelf; wolf  
5 mouse; tooth 6 mathematics; news 7 police; scissors

60-61 1 1a school has 1b school have 2a club have 2b club has 3a staff do  
3b staff does 4a class is 4b class are 5a orchestra are 5b orchestra is

- 2 '... Shall I tell them ...'

- 3 1 have 2 have 3 is 4 is 5 have; are 6 is 7 are 8 has 9 are  
10 has 11 is 12 are 13 are 14 has 15 was 16 were 17 is 18 have

62 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)

Ann and Pat's car our dog's nose most people's health Jonathan's education  
those women's legs Katie's fear of heights Simon and Jill's car doctors' ideas

- 2 1 ✓ 2 Are you Al's daughter? 3 ✓ 4 Here's Barry's address. 5 ✓ 6 ✓  
7 ✓ 8 ✓ 9 It's a crazy idea of Alice's. 10 Where is that brother of Carol's?

63 1 1g; 2b; 3h; 4a; 5j; 6c; 7e; 8i; 9d; 10f

- 2 1 a music shop 2 a Birmingham man 3 a picture frame 4 mint tea  
5 the station clock 6 a space rocket 7 a biscuit factory 8 soap powder

- 3 antique shop / bicycle shop bicycle race bus station cowboy film kitchen door  
grape juice road map newspaper publisher



**64** 1 1 a chocolate cake 3 a kitchen cupboard 4 a matchbox 5 toothpaste  
7 the kitchen door 8 a wine bottle 9 a train timetable 11 garden chairs

**65** 1 1 a bus station 2 a toy shop 3 the teacher's office 4 computer disks  
5 my mother's chair 6 car papers 7 Tom's plan 8 a telephone box  
9 the dog's toy 10 a horse race 11 vegetable soup 12 China's history  
13 a cowboy film 14 street lamps 15 the firm's office 16 a bath towel  
17 that cat's tail 18 a teacher trainer 19 the paper's editor 20 a glass factory

2 '... Mother's Day card ...'

**66-67** 1 Angela's leg the highest branches of the trees the lock of my suitcase  
your dog's leg the bank's branch in Paris the floor of your office  
the leg of the table my family's name the town's atmosphere  
our company's best sales manager the police force's main problem  
next week's timetable last night's party today's news

2 1 Helen's story: the story of the French revolution  
2 the bed of the stream: the patient's bed  
3 a/the policy of full employment: the company's policy  
4 my favourite author's style: the style of the 1930s  
5 the place of language education: women's place  
6 the ideas of modern physics: my son's ideas  
7 the club's rules: the rules of football  
8 the committee's views: a/the view of the lake  
9 the cat's head: the head of the queue  
10 the arm of the chair: John's arm

3 'Fear? He doesn't know the meaning of the word.'  
'Let's go. I've got somebody else's car parked outside.'  
'Right, Mr Wilson. I have here the results of your tests.'

**68-69** 1 1 calm 2 calmly/clearly/slowly/softly/unhappily 3 cheaply 4 beautifully  
5 terrible 6 softly 7 cheap 8 slow 9 calmly 10 beautiful 11 soft  
12 clear 13 terribly 14 slowly 15 unhappy 16 clearly

2 1 amazingly 2 sure 3 real 4 truly 5 gently 6 amazing 7 wonderfully  
8 gentle 9 slightly 10 really 11 kindly 12 badly 13 wonderful: awful  
14 cleverly 15 surprisingly 16 unbelievably

**70** 1 **adjectives:** cowardly; deadly; friendly; likely; lively; lonely; lovely; silly; ugly  
**both adjectives and adverbs:** daily; weekly; monthly; yearly; early; fast; hard; late;  
loud; well

2 2 daily/weekly/monthly/yearly/lively/lovely/silly  
3 lively/lovely/silly/ugly/fast/loud  
4 fast/loud  
5 daily/weekly/monthly/yearly/early/late  
6 cowardly/friendly/hard/lovely/silly  
7 cowardly/friendly/hard/lively/lonely/lovely/silly/ugly  
8 likely  
9 lovely  
10 friendly/lonely/lovely  
11 early/fast/late  
12 hard  
13 deadly  
14 deadly/fast/hard/lively/lonely/lovely/silly  
15 lonely/hard/lovely  
16 yearly/daily/friendly/weekly/monthly/early/late/loud

**71**

- 1 2 hot breezy weather  
3 untidy red hair  
4 The man was young and bearded.  
5 The sea was cold and rough.  
6 The church was old and ugly.

- 7 a quiet tense woman  
8 yellow and grey sand  
9 The badges were red and blue.  
10 a narrow brown room

**72**

- 1 1 the blind 2 the young 3 the poor 4 the young; the old 5 the rich  
6 the living 7 the poor; the rich 8 the dead; the living 9 the blind

**73**

- 1 1 a beautiful little Belgian city  
2 a local jazz club  
3 an excellent cold dinner  
4 modern industrial buildings  
5 a red silk evening dress  
6 narrow colourless eyes  
7 a flat gold frame  
8 lovely old furniture

- 9 Swiss drawing ink  
10 a short leather jacket  
11 little brick squares  
12 French ski boots  
13 a blue woollen tie  
14 grey cotton trousers  
15 black nylon swimming trunks

*(Examples of possible answers)*

I am always in trouble.

My mother is never depressed.

Most people are usually friendly.

- 5 1 You are usually here . .  
2 Her mum always cooks ...  
3 We usually book . .  
4 They probably think ...  
5 You should always look ...  
6 She is probably going to stay ...  
7 Chocolate cakes are definitely the best.  
8 I will probably be able ...  
9 I have never had ...  
10 We never saw sweets ...  
11 I definitely remember ...  
12 Do you usually read ...  
13 I can usually manage ...

- 14 She has never done that before.  
15 Something is definitely burning.  
16 She has always been nervous.  
17 I never feel cold ...  
18 They were always against me.  
19 We are definitely going to win.  
20 February is usually the worst.  
21 It is sometimes very difficult.  
22 I always buy them ...  
23 I have often tried ..  
24 They are always fighting.  
25 She often saw ...  
26 You are probably right.

**76**

- 1 2 I'm only doing this ...  
3 She even gets up ...  
4 He even wears a suit ...  
5 She only ate ...  
6 I can only play ...

- 7 He can't even write . .  
8 They even make you pay ...  
9 I was only thinking ...  
10 You can even ski ...

- 2 *(Examples of possible answers)*

I work every day, even on Sundays. Only my mother really understands me.

They do everything together. They even brush their teeth together.

Hello! It's only me! Even the cat thinks you're stupid.

She likes all animals, even rats. Only the clock broke the silence.

Only his wife knew that he was ill. Even his children hated him.

You can borrow it, but only for a few minutes.

**77**

- 1 1 I work best at night.  
2 I paid the bill at once.  
3 He always moves very slowly in the morning.  
4 She speaks Japanese fluently.  
5 I think we'd better open the parcel now.  
6 She was crying quietly in her room.  
7 We talked about it briefly at lunchtime.

- 8 I'm going to break the eggs carefully into the bowl.
- 9 Ann works at the village shop on Saturdays.
- 10 I can't explain my feelings clearly.
- 11 The team played brilliantly yesterday.
- 12 I always worked very hard at school.
- 13 She practises the piano here every evening.
- 14 I don't think she plays tennis very well.
- 15 He read every word slowly
- 16 Put the butter in the fridge at once.

**76**

- 1 1 Are you still in the same job?
- 2 He's seventeen, but he's already married.
- 3 Has Susan arrived yet? (or ... already arrived?)
- 4 I've already finished!
- 5 9 a.m., and it's still dark!
- 6 4 p.m., and it's already dark!
- 7 Have you had breakfast yet? (or ... already had breakfast?)
- 8 Look – it's still raining.
- 9 Our old car still runs OK.
- 10 Is the rice cooked yet? (or ... already cooked?)
- 11 She's already gone to bed.
- 12 Is she still in that little flat?
- 13 Why are you still in bed? (or Why are you already ... ?)
- 14 I'm already bored with my new job.
- 15 It's not time to stop yet.
- 16 Have you written that letter yet? (or ... already written ... ?)

**79**

- 1 **DIY** To make the comparative and superlative of one-syllable adjectives ending in *-e*, you add *-r*, *-st*.  
To make the comparative and superlative of other one-syllable adjectives, you add *-er*, *-est*.  
To make the comparative and superlative of two-syllable adjectives ending in *-y*, you change *y* to *i* and add *-er*, *-est*.  
To make the comparative and superlative of other two-syllable adjectives, you put *more* and *most* in front.  
To make the comparative and superlative of longer adjectives, you put *more* and *most* in front.
- 2 **DIY** Before *-er* and *-est*, we double the last letter of adjectives that end in one vowel + one consonant.
- 3 more/most boring cheaper/cheapest finer/finest fuller/fullest funnier/funniest  
more/most handsome harder/hardest more/most honest more/most interesting  
lazier/laziest lighter/lightest more/most nervous sadder/saddest safer/safest  
sillier/silliest sorrier/sorriest more/most stupid more/most uncomfortable  
more/most useful more/most violent wetter/wettest

**80**

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)
- 2 It was the best. 3 She lived farther/further away than the others.
- 4 The cold got worse. 5 The worst. 6 Her older/elder sister; his older/elder brother; her oldest/eldest sister. 7 Further tests. 8 The one that needs (the) least water.
- 9 The Blacks have more money than the Browns. The Browns have less money than the Blacks. 10 The park is farther/further away than the post office.

**81**

- 1 1 faster 2 more beautifully 3 (the) hardest 4 earlier 5 the most sensitively  
6 more peacefully 7 the latest 8 the most fluently
- 3 1 more slowly 2 faster 3 earlier 4 harder

*(Examples of possible answers)*

The Great Pyramid is very much older than the Taj Mahal.

The Amazon is far longer than the Thames.

North America is a little larger than South America.

A dog is a bit bigger than a cat.

A computer is a lot faster than a typewriter.

Asia is even bigger than Africa.

A parrot sings no better than a cat.

Are you any more intelligent than your boss?

**83**

**1** *(Examples of possible answers)*

1 Is this box stronger than that one? Is this box the strongest you've got?

2 Alistair is taller than anyone else in the class. Alistair is the tallest in the class.

3 The state of Alaska is bigger than the other states in the US. The state of Alaska is the biggest in the US.

4 This wine is more expensive than that one. This wine is the most expensive in the world.

5 Al's party was better than Pat's party. Al's party was the best I've ever been to.

**2** *(Examples of possible answers)*

Car Y is more expensive than car X.

Car X is more comfortable than the other two cars.

Car Z is the most expensive of the three.

Car X is much better off-road than car Y.

Car Y is more economical than car Z.

Car Z is the best of all off-road.

Car X is the most economical of all.

Car Z has more luggage space than car X.

Car Y is safer than car X.

Car Y has the most luggage space of the three.

Car Z is the safest of the three.

Car X is the most comfortable of the three.

**84-85**

**1** *(Examples of possible answers)*

1 faster and faster 2 taller and taller 3 hotter and hotter

4 more and more difficult/complicated or harder and harder 5 fatter and fatter

6 more and more depressed/unhappy 7 more and more expensive

**2** *(Examples of possible answers)*

1 My mother's driving is getting more and more dangerous

2 ... he's getting better and better.

3 ... police officers are getting younger and younger.

4 My temper is getting worse and worse.

5 It's getting harder and harder to find time ...

6 Professional tennis is getting more and more boring.

7 Restaurants are getting more and more expensive.

8 Her holidays are getting longer and longer.

**3** 1 the faster ... the more ... 2 the longer ... the more ... 3 the older ... the darker ...

4 the more ... the angrier ... 5 the more ... the more ... the less ...

6 the more ... the less ... 7 the more ... the more ... 8 the warmer ... the more ...

**4** 1 The more ice cream he eats, the fatter he gets; and the fatter he gets, the more ice cream he eats.

2 The more he reads, the more he forgets; and the more he forgets, the more he reads.

3 The more she ignores him, the more he loves her; and the more he loves her, the more she ignores him.

4 The more shoes she buys, the more shoes she wants; and the more shoes she wants, the more shoes she buys.

5 The more money we spend, the more friends we have; and the more friends we have, the more money we spend.

6 The more I sleep, the more tired I am; and the more tired I am, the more I sleep.

**86**

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)  
 2 in the Army 3 of the books I own 4 in the class 5 in Europe  
 6 in my family 7 of the four men 8 of the girls in her school 9 in the office  
 10 of the paintings in the gallery 11 in Rome 12 in the school

- 2 (Examples of possible answers)  
 1 Florence is the ... 2 Wolves are ... 3 I think Stoppard is the ... 4 Bill is the ...  
 5 The streets are ... 6 Working in the country is the ... 7 I feel

**87**

- 1 1 as; as 2 than 3 that 4 than 5 than 6 as 7 as 8 that 9 than  
 10 that 11 as 12 as
- 2 '... a better place than we found it!'

**88-89**

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)  
 Jake didn't go to the same university as Susie.  
 Susie went to the same school as Jake.  
 Susie is not as tall as Jake.  
 Susie doesn't weigh as much as Jake.  
 Jake does/has the same job as Susie.  
 Jake isn't as old as Susie.  
 Susie was born in the same town as Jake.  
 Susie earns twice as much money as Jake.  
 Jake doesn't work for the same firm as Susie.  
 Susie doesn't have as many weeks' holiday as Jake  
 Jake lives in the same street as Susie.  
 Susie has the same number of children as Jake.  
 Jake speaks French as well as Susie, but he doesn't speak German as well as her.  
 Jake doesn't read as much as Susie.

- 2 as black as night as cold as ice as flat as a pancake as good as gold  
 as green as grass as hard as iron as old as the hills as pretty as a picture  
 as quiet as the grave as red as a beetroot as thin as a rake as warm as toast  
 as white as a sheet

**90**

- 1 1 as 2 like 3 as 4 as 5 like 6 like 7 as 8 like 9 like 10 As
- 2 2 as a secretary / union representative 3 as an office 4 like a person  
 5 As you know 6 as a union representative 7 like cardboard 8 as he writes  
 9 like her mother 10 as a dessert

**91**

- 1 1 so 2 such 3 so 4 such 5 such 6 so 7 so 8 such
- 2 (Examples of possible answers)  
 1 It was such cold weather ... 5 Their house is so nice ...  
 2 The weather was so hot ... 6 And they've got such a beautiful garden!  
 3 It was such a boring book ... 7 He has such a pleasant voice ...  
 4 The film was so good 8 I don't know why her voice is so loud.
- 3 (Examples of possible answers)  
 1 so dark 2 such bad 3 such a fast 4 so heavy 5 such a boring  
 6 so difficult/hard 7 such a nice 8 so tired 9 I wish my feet weren't so big.  
 10 I wish I hadn't got such a funny nose.

**92**

- 1 1 very fast 2 too fast 3 too hot 4 very hot  
 5 too tall 6 very tall 7 too expensive 8 very expensive  
 9 very small 10 too small 11 very slow 12 too slow

**93**

- 1 1 very much 2 very 3 very 4 very 5 very 6 very much 7 very  
 8 very much 9 very much 10 very much 11 very much 12 very  
 13 very much 14 very 15 very

1 is being 2 am 3 is being 4 are being 5 am 6 are being 7 was being  
8 is

I do agree with you.

I do apologise for disturbing you.

I do feel ill/tired.

I do hate cooking / eggs and bacon.

I do like cooking / eggs and bacon.

I do need a job.

Peter did enjoy your party.

She does look ill/tired.

You do talk a lot.

I do wonder if he's really happy.

2 'You don't love me.' 'I do love you.'

I may not be educated, but I do know something about life.

I'll be ready in a minute, but I do have to make a phone call.

I'm not sure she'll be there, but if you do see her give her my love.

It's a small house. Mind you, it does have a nice big kitchen.

My wife does the housework, but I do iron my own trousers.

Although she didn't say much, she did give me her phone number.

She doesn't really like sport. She does play a bit of tennis sometimes.

I made her go to the doctor's, and she did have a broken finger.

There's nobody at home. They did say eight o'clock, didn't they?

3 Scottish people don't speak Japanese, but they do speak English.

In England it doesn't snow a lot, but it does rain a lot.

Banks don't sell beer, but they do lend money.

Cats don't eat potatoes, but they do eat mice.

Napoleon didn't fight against China, but he did fight against England.

1 **DIY** 1 do 2 make 3 do 4 do

3 ... to make decisions ...

4 2 doing 3 doing 4 making a photocopy 5 make his/the bed  
6 made a mistake 7 make a cake 8 making a fire 9 do her hair  
10 do 140 mph 11 done the washing up 12 to make a phone call

1 1 (You can) have a shower 2 ... have a swim 3 ... have dinner  
4 ... have a game of cards 5 ... have a game of tennis 6 ... have a drink  
7 ... have a rest 8 ... have tea 9 ... have a shave

2 (Examples of possible answers)

1 She's going to have a baby. 2 They're going to have a fight.

3 The patient is going to have an operation.

4 This person is going to have a nervous breakdown.

5 The person is going to have an accident.

1 1 I've got ... 2 Has your sister got ... / Does your sister have ...  
3 I haven't got ... / I don't have ... 4 The school does not have ...  
5 Did you have good teachers ... 6 She didn't have ...

2 (Examples of possible answers)

1 If you're bald, you haven't got any hair.

2 If you're penniless, you haven't got any money.

3 If you're childless, you haven't got any children.

4 If you're unemployed, you haven't got a job.

5 If you're toothless, you haven't got any teeth.

6 If you're lonely, you haven't got any friends.

7 If you're starving, you haven't got any food.

8 If you're an orphan, you haven't got any parents.

9 If you're unmarried, you haven't got a wife or husband.

- 3 1 Have you got; I've got; I've got; I haven't got 2 have you got  
3 have got; It's got 4 I've got 5 have you got; I've got 6 Have I got; you've got  
7 has got; he's got; he's got

4 (Examples of possible answers)

The man in the first advertisement has got a Porsche.

The woman in the second advertisement has got brown hair / blue eyes / a good sense of humour.

The woman in the third advertisement has got a nice smile / her own apartment.

The man in the fourth advertisement has got a suntan / a nice home / a yacht.

105

- 1 2 We have our knives sharpened ...  
3 ... to have the roof repaired ...  
4 ... have my jacket cleaned. ... have my raincoat reproofed.  
5 ... have the car serviced ... have the oil changed.  
6 ... had her jewellery valued ...  
7 ... have your tennis racket re-strung  
8 ... have the kitchen redecorated ...  
9 ... have some more electric sockets put in

106-107

- 1 **DIY** 1 Infinitive without to. The exception is *ought*. 2 It doesn't have -s.  
3 They are made without do.
- 2 1 play 2 to be 3 to do 4 go 5 finish 6 to get 7 make 8 pass
- 3 1 Can I stay here? 2 Must you go? 3 Will he understand? 4 Shall we drive?  
5 Could she do it? 6 Would you like to?
- 4 1 to be able to 2 been able to 3 been allowed to 4 to have to 5 had to  
6 be able to 7 have to 8 to have to 9 been able to
- 6 be able to

108-109

- 1 2 You must be crazy. 3 That can't be Janet ... 4 She must think I'm stupid.  
5 I must look silly ... 6 ... they must make a lot of money.  
7 He can't be a teacher ... 8 That must be an interesting job.  
9 You can't be serious. You must be joking. 10 He must have another woman ...

2 (Examples of possible answers)

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 2 He must be in Scotland.                    | 6 It may/might be a cat.        |
| 3 He may be Spanish.                         | 7 This person may be an artist. |
| 4 She must be unhappy. / She can't be happy. | 8 She must be married.          |
| 5 She might be in love. / She must be happy. | 9 It may be going to rain.      |
|  | 10 What can it be?              |

110-111

- 1 1 should 2 must 3 should 4 must 5 must 6 should 7 must 8 must  
9 should 10 should
- 3 2 Should I move to London? 8 Should I go to the police?  
3 What should I call my the baby? 9 Should I take a taxi?  
4 Where should I put my this bicycle? 10 Should I take a holiday?  
5 When should I pay my tax bill? 11 How long should I wait?  
6 Should I invite my mother? 12 What should I do at the weekend?  
7 How should I cook this a/the/this crab?

112

- 1 must 2 has to 3 must 4 must 5 has to 6 have (got) to 7 have (got) to  
8 must 9 must 10 have to

113

- 1 must not 2 do not have to 3 must not 4 must not 5 do not have to  
6 must not 7 don't have to 8 don't have to 9 mustn't 10 don't have to

## 2 (Examples of possible answers)

In rugby football, you must not pass the ball forwards.

In tennis, you do not need to hit the ball before it bounces.

In tennis, you must not hit the ball after its second bounce.

In chess, you must not touch a piece if you aren't going to move it.

In boxing, you must not hit your opponent below the belt.

In athletics, you must not start before the gun.

In hockey, you must not lift your stick above your shoulder.

In hockey, you do not need to hit the ball before it bounces.

In baseball, you must not throw the bat.

In football, you must not touch the ball with your hands.

In bridge, you must not look at other people's cards.

## 114-115

- 1 1 can 2 will be able to 3 can 4 can 5 will be able to 6 could  
7 will be able to 8 can 9 could 10 will be able to 11 can 12 can  
13 will be able to 14 could 15 can
- 2 1 could 2 managed to 3 managed to 4 couldn't 5 managed to  
6 could; could 7 managed to 8 managed to 9 could 10 managed to
- 3 1 can smell 2 could see 3 can/could see 4 can hear 5 can taste  
6 could feel; couldn't see 7 can see 8 can hear

## 116-117

- 1 2 Could I use your phone? 7 Could I speak to Jane, if she's there?  
3 May I stop work early today? 8 Can I have a beer?  
4 You can take my bike if you want to. 9 Can students use this library?  
5 Can children go into pubs? 10 Could I pay you tomorrow?  
6 You can't come into my room.
- 2 1 Can I take your coat?  
2 Can/Could you start cooking supper now, please?  
3 Can/Could you translate this for me?  
4 I wonder if you could translate ... ? / Could you possibly translate ... ?  
5 You could watch a video if ...  
6 You can spend ... / Can you spend ... ? / Could you spend ... ?  
7 I can feed the horses, ...  
8 Could you possibly lend me £5? / I wonder if you could lend me £5.  
9 Can/Could you tell me when it's time to go?  
10 Could you (possibly) tell me ... / I wonder if you could tell me ...
- 3 'Miss Ellis, could you come in here and pass me my coffee?'

## 118-119

- 1 I'll wash up if you'll dry.  
I'm tired. I think I'll go to bed now.  
If you see Ann, would you tell her I got her letter?  
She won't tell us what's wrong.  
The cat won't eat.  
The phone's ringing. I'll answer it.  
This video won't play.  
'Who's going to get the tickets?' 'I will.'  
Will you deliver the furniture to this address, please?  
Will you let me know when you're ready to leave?  
Will you stop shouting?  
Would you put the meat in the oven at 5.30?



**2 (Examples of possible answers)**

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 I promise I'll write.            | 7 I promise I'll go to lectures.   |
| 2 I promise I won't smoke.         | 8 I promise I won't fight.         |
| 3 I promise I'll go to church.     | 9 I promise I'll do exercises.     |
| 4 I promise I won't stay out late. | 10 I promise I'll get up early.    |
| 5 I promise I won't drink.         | 11 I promise I'll wash my clothes. |
| 6 I promise I'll study hard.       | 12 I promise I'll think of you.    |

**120**

- 1** 1 will keep 2 would make 3 will play 4 will talk 5 will listen  
6 would take 7 will drive 8 will fall 9 will ring: will be 10 will tell
- 2** After you have bought something, you will find it somewhere else cheaper.  
If anything can go wrong, it will.  
If there are two good TV shows, they will both be on at the same time.  
If you explain so clearly that nobody can misunderstand, somebody will.  
If you throw something away, you'll need it the next day.  
No matter how much you do, you'll never do enough.  
The one who snores will fall asleep first.  
The other queue will always move faster.

**121**

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)**
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 Shall we stay in this country or go abroad? | 8 Shall we stay in one place or travel around? |
| 4 When shall we go?                           | 9 Shall we take Granny?                        |
| 5 How long shall we go for?                   | 10 Shall we go with the Jacksons?              |
| 6 Shall we fly, go by train or drive?         | 11 What shall we do with the dogs?             |
| 7 Shall we stay in a hotel or camp?           |  |

**122-123**

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> 2 could/might have killed | 8 should have taken               |
| 3 would have phoned                | 9 could/might have died           |
| 4 could/might/would have gone      | 10 could/should have hit          |
| 5 should have been                 | 11 might/should/could have told   |
| 6 should/could have put            | 12 might/should/could have washed |
| 7 should/could have asked          |                                   |
- 2** 1 may have gone 2 should/may have finished 3 can't have forgotten  
4 must have rained 5 must have been 6 may have been 7 can't have spent  
8 may have found 9 must have had 10 may/must have gone
- 3** 1 can't have 2 may not have 3 must have 4 had to  
5 may not have / can't have 6 may not have

**124-125**

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> 1 I can't sing.                  | 4 Could you tell me the time? |
| 2 I would like to be able to travel more. | 5 I had to work ...           |
| 3 He should work harder.                  |                               |
- 2** 1 might 2 may/might 3 can't 4 may 5 may not 6 can't 7 must  
8 should 9 have to 10 don't have to 11 can / will be able to  
12 will be able to 13 managed to 14 could / was able to 15 can 16 will stop  
17 may not 18 can't 19 had to do 20 must have left
- 4** 'Can this be the same man ...?' ... you could live for another twenty minutes.'  
'... I'll take them.' ... it may not be a joke.'  
'... he might be Prime Minister ...' ... I wonder who it can be from.'

**126**

- 1** 1 needn't laugh 2 needn't get 3 needn't write 4 needn't come  
5 needn't worry 6 needn't think 7 needn't ring 8 needn't take  
9 needn't phone/ring 10 needn't try

- 2 1 didn't need to water 2 needn't have cooked 3 needn't have done  
4 needn't have bought 5 didn't need to fill up 6 needn't have worried  
7 didn't need to go 8 didn't need to wait 9 needn't have studied

120

- 1 ... You'd better start ... 6 We'd better invite ...  
2 ... I'd better get ... 7 I'd better do ...  
3 You'd better open ... 8 You'd better not tell ...  
4 ... she'd better not forget ... 9 ... You'd better have ...  
5 We'd better give ... 10 You'd better not let ...

2 (*Examples of possible answers*)

- 1 You'd better see the doctor. 7 You'd better learn some Chinese and Japanese.  
2 You'd better go to bed. 8 You'd better take a sleeping pill.  
3 You'd better put a sweater on. 9 You'd better start studying.  
4 You'd better go for a walk. 10 You'd better stop.  
5 You'd better take a day off. 11 You'd better ring the police.  
6 You'd better tell me all about it.

121

- 1 1 used to live 2 used to stand 3 used to look after 4 used to play  
5 used to take 6 used to look at 7 used to go 8 used to buy 9 used to keep  
10 used to have

2 (*Examples of possible answers*)

- 1 People used to travel by horse. 6 People used to believe in ghosts and devils.  
2 People used to cook with/on wood fires. 7 People didn't use to be able to vote.  
3 People didn't use to live so long. 8 People used to think the earth was flat.  
4 People used to fight with spears. 9 People used to have bigger families.  
5 People used to hunt with bows and arrows. 10 Children used to work.

122

- 1 Aspirins are supposed to cure headaches.  
Catholics are supposed to go to church on Sundays.  
You were supposed to come and see me yesterday.  
It's supposed to have instructions with it, but I can't find them.  
Wasn't my computer magazine supposed to come today?  
What am I supposed to do with all this chicken salad?  
You're not supposed to go into the shower with shoes on.  
You're not supposed to smoke in food shops.  
You're supposed to be good at geography – where the hell are we?  
I think you're supposed to pay at the cash desk on the way out.

- 2 2 It's supposed to be a cat. 6 It's supposed to be a tiger.  
3 It's supposed to be a plane. 7 It's supposed to be the sun.  
4 It's supposed to be a horse. 8 It's supposed to be a flower.  
5 It's supposed to be a bus.

130-131

- 1 Buy the cat food here. It'll be cheaper.  
Don't give her your keys. She'll only lose them.  
Get John to have a look at the TV. He'll fix it.  
'He'll grow up one day.' 'I hope you're right.'  
He'll need somebody to help him.  
'How's June?' 'She'll be OK.'  
I must get back to work, otherwise I'll get the sack.  
If he doesn't stop drinking, he'll be dead in five years.  
If we give a shout, she'll come and help.  
If you put lemon in it, he'll drink it.  
Knowing his luck, if he plays golf he'll get hit on the nose with a ball.

No good sending her a bill, is it? She'll just refuse to pay.  
 One day you'll be old, and then your kids will laugh at you.  
 She'll be fourteen on May 12th.  
 She'll forget about you.

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 2 | 3 will / will not get<br>4 will / will not be<br>5 will / will not be<br>6 will / will not disappear<br>7 will / will not be | 8 Everybody / Not everybody will have ...<br>9 Everybody / Not everybody will have ...<br>10 will / will not be<br>11 will / will not eat |
|---|--|---|

- 3 (Example of possible answer)  
 Tomorrow will be mainly dry, but there will be some rain in the north. There will be strong winds from the south-west later in the day. It will be quite warm in the south, but Scotland will be cold, and in the north of Scotland the rain will turn to snow during the afternoon.

**129-130**

She is going to try to become a professional pianist.  
 But first, she is going to spend a year learning German.  
 Max is going to do maths and science for his final exams.  
 Then he is going to train as a pilot.  
 Jennifer's eight, and she doesn't know what she is going to do.  
 One day she says she is going to be a dancer.  
 And the next she says she is going to start her own business.  
 This summer, Jane is going to stay with her aunt in America.  
 Max is going to spend the summer learning to fly.  
 Their parents are going to spend two weeks walking in Scotland.  
 Then they are going to decorate the house.

- 2 (Examples of possible answers)
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 She is going to have a baby.<br>2 He is going to swim / to dive into the water.<br>3 She is going to knock a cup off the table.<br>4 He is going to get on the bus.<br>5 She is going to open the letter. | 6 They are going to have dinner.<br>7 He is going to have some wine.<br>8 The cat is going to catch the bird.<br>9 The mugger is going to attack somebody.<br>10 The pianist is going to play. |
|---|--|

**134**

- 1
- 1 She's playing tennis on Sunday morning.
  - 2 She's having lunch with James at 12.30 on Wednesday.
  - 3 She's flying to Amsterdam on Thursday.
  - 4 She's meeting Mrs Parsons in the Oxford office.
  - 5 She's going to the meeting with Mrs Parsons by train.
  - 6 She's going to a funeral on Wednesday morning.
  - 7 She's meeting the accountants at 4 p.m. on Monday.
  - 8 She's going to the theatre on Friday evening.
  - 9 She's spending Saturday at the races.
  - 10 Matthew is coming to see her on Sunday afternoon.

**135**

- 1
- 1 is going to cost   2 will cost   3 is going to have   4 will have   5 I'm playing  
 6 He'll win.   7 She'll tell   8 isn't going to stop   9 will have  
 10 She's getting married   11 It's going to rain   12 it will snow

**136**

- 1
- 1 does   2 arrives   3 will write   4 are going   5 go   6 will stop   7 do   8 are  
 9 have   10 doesn't   11 will come   12 do   13 am playing   14 does  
 15 will post

**137**

- 1
- 1 when: grow up   2 if: rains   3 when: am   4 if: passes   5 if: don't find  
 6 if: say   7 if: doesn't want   8 when: comes

- 2 1 get 2 am 3 will find 4 will keep 5 stops 6 bring 7 will take  
8 will make 9 will be 10 get

**138**

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 1 What time will you be getting up? 6 Will you be having lunch out?  
 2 What will you be wearing? 7 What time will you be coming back?  
 3 How will you be travelling to work? 8 Where will you be sleeping?  
 4 How soon will you be leaving? 9 How will you be paying?  
 5 Will you be taking the car? 10 When will you be going back home?
- 2 ... I'll be teaching you English literature ...

**139**

- 1 I won't have finished the report by Monday, and it's needed for Monday morning.  
 In a couple of years the children will have left home and we'll be able to get a smaller house.

On our next wedding anniversary we will have been married for twenty-five years.  
 When I get home tonight I will have been driving for fourteen hours non-stop.  
 When I retire I will have been working for forty years.

- 2 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 1 After ten days she will have written 100 pages; after a month she will have written 300 pages; after a year she will have written 3,650 pages; after ten years she will have written 36,500 pages.  
 2 She will have finished her first book in/after a month. A year from now she will have written twelve books.  
 3 She will have been writing for ten years.  
 4 She will have made £12 million.

**140**

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 After arriving at Star City Airport, the president is to inspect a guard of honour.  
 At 09.00, he is to have a working breakfast with President Jensen.  
 From 11.00 to 13.00, he is to tour Star City and meet the mayor and civic leaders.  
 At 13.00 he is to have lunch with Foreign Minister Svendsen and guests.  
 At 14.00 he is to visit inner city schools; then he is to open a new eye hospital.  
 At 16.00 he is to meet business leaders; then he is free until 20.00, when he is to attend a State Dinner as the guest of President and Mrs Jensen.

- 2 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 You're to do your piano practice.  
 You're not to give chocolate to the cat.  
 You're to go to bed at nine o'clock.  
 You're to learn how to use the washing machine.  
 You're not to leave dirty socks on the floor.  
 You're not to leave empty crisp-packets lying around.  
 You're not to make hour-long phone calls.  
 You're to make your own bed.  
 You're not to open the door to strangers.  
 You're to write your Christmas thank-you letters.

**141**

- 1 Carola and I hardly noticed each other that first evening. Two weeks later we would be married.  
 He was to regret that conversation for many years to come.  
 I was going to ring you yesterday, but I forgot.  
 She was leaving in two hours, and she still hadn't started packing.  
 So this was the school where I would spend the next five years. I didn't like it.  
 The letter that was to change my life arrived one Friday morning.

- 2 1 was going to say 2 was marrying 3 was going to be 4 were to lose  
5 were to find 6 would return: would stand: would make

142-143

- 1 **DIY** **simple present:** permanent: habit: always: usually  
**present progressive:** temporary: just around now: just at this moment: these days but not for very long
- 3 1 read: make 2 am making 3 do you speak 4 are doing 5 plays  
6 is playing 7 is she playing 8 Does she play 9 plays 10 is playing  
11 is cooking 12 shop: cooks 13 doesn't work 14 isn't working
- 4 '... He collects dust.' 'So how's everything going?'

144-145

- 1 A woman is sitting in a railway carriage when she notices that the man opposite her is holding an orange in his hand and looking out of the window. Suddenly the man opens the window, throws out the orange and closes the window again. 'Excuse me,' the woman asks, 'but why did you do that?' The man takes another orange out of his bag and starts opening the window. 'Because we are going through the mountains. Oranges keep the elephants away.' 'But there are no elephants in these mountains,' says the woman. 'You see?' says the man. 'It works.'
- 3 The police station.
- 6 (*Example of possible answer*)  
You fill a saucepan with water and put it on the cooker. When it boils you put the egg in. You leave it for four and a half minutes and then you take it out.

146

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
Milk is getting much more expensive. Newspapers are getting more expensive. Haircuts are getting cheaper.
- 2 (*Examples of possible answers*)
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| The world's population is growing.            | The political situation is getting worse.                            |
| I'm getting older.                            | Children are getting taller.   |
| My English is getting much better.            | Cities are getting dirtier.  |
| Prices are going up.                          | It is becoming more difficult to provide medical care for everybody. |
| The days are getting shorter.                 | Teenagers are getting more violent.                                  |
| Pollution is getting worse.                   | Unemployment is becoming very serious.                               |
| Roads are getting busier.                     | Sprinters are getting faster.  |
| Trains are getting dirtier.                   | Men are living longer.   |
| Cars are getting faster and more comfortable. | Women are living longer too.   |
| Air travel is getting cheaper.                | Older people are becoming more isolated.                             |
| People are destroying the world's forests.    | People's holidays are getting longer.                                |
| Wildlife is disappearing.                     |  |

- 3 '... How's your English getting on?' 'That funny noise is getting louder.'

147

- 1 **DIY** 1 By adding -s. 2 You add -s. 3 You change -y to -ies. 4 s, x, ch, sh  
5 do, go
- 2 boxes: brushes: buys: completes: cries: defends: denies: destroys: excites: expects: fries: guesses: looks: prays: reaches: receives: rushes: spends: wants: watches.
- 3 1 does: teaches 2 happens 3 takes: washes 4 gets: sings 5 hates  
6 starts: does 7 loves: hates 8 makes 9 comes: waits

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- 1 1 belongs  
2 believe/realise/suppose  
3 Do ... hate/like/love/prefer/remember/understand  
4 owns

- 5 hates/likes/needs/prefers/wants
- 6 need/want
- 7 believe/realise/suppose; like/love/need/remember/understand/want
- 8 forget/remember
- 9 believes/hates/likes/loves/needs/remembers/understands/wants; believe/hate/etc.
- 10 matter
- 11 prefer/want
- 12 remember
- 13 contains

- 2 1 am having 2 has 3 is appearing 4 appears 5 are you looking 6 looks  
7 see 8 am seeing 9 think 10 are you thinking 11 am feeling / feel 12 feel

**149**

- 1 Dad is always teasing me about my clothes.  
He's always arguing or fighting.  
He's always giving people small presents.  
Her best friend is always dropping in to criticise the way she lives her life.  
I hate those cartoons where Tom is always chasing Jerry.  
Jamie is always having colds and chest problems.  
My wife's always buying new products.  
She's always criticising her family.  
She's always saying she wishes she was prettier.  
Someone is always giving a party in one of the houses.  
That old bitch is always making up stories about people.

- 2 **DIY** Criticism.

**150**

- 1 1 don't eat 2 is coming 3 goes 4 play 5 's sitting 6 happens 7 drinks  
8 She's wearing 9 are you looking 10 'm staying 11 usually stay 12 runs  
13 are you doing 14 gets 15 fly
- 2 1d; 2c; 3f; 4e; 5j; 6a; 7b; 8g; 9i; 10h
- 3 1 think 2 know; mean 3 is always complaining 4 always start  
5 is melting; take; break 6 am thinking 7 believe; is changing 8 don't see  
9 are you looking 10 understand

**151**

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)
- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 The Foreign Minister is dead.   | 7 All the plates, knives etc are clean. |
| 2 Lucy has got a new baby.        | 8 She has a new job with the BBC.       |
| 3 Your coat is torn               | 9 We still don't know where he is.      |
| 4 My leg is broken.               | 10 It's quiet.                          |
| 5 He can't find his address book. | 11 I don't remember your name.          |
| 6 Is tea ready?                   | 12 She speaks French.                   |
- 2 '... His temperature has gone down.'  
He's dead.

**152-153**

- 1 1 Polly and Simon have just got married.  
2 The firm has lost £30 million this year.  
3 United have won the cup again.  
4 My poor old father has gone into hospital again.  
5 Somebody has just crashed into our garden gate.  
6 Lucy has had a baby girl.  
7 A parachutist has just landed on the roof.  
8 Some people have bought the house next door.

- 2 Ana Gomez, of Peru, has set a new record for the marathon. She covered the 42 km in just over 2 hours and 16 minutes.  
 Novelist Maria Santiago has married actor Tony Delaney. They met while working on the screenplay for the film *Sun in the Morning*.  
 Peter has just offered me a new job! He said I was just the person he needed.  
 Police have found missing schoolgirl Karen Allen. She was at a friend's house in Birmingham.  
 The World Cup team have arrived home. Five thousand fans were at the airport.  
 Three climbers have died in the Alps. They fell just before reaching the summit of Mont Blanc (4,807 m).  
 Two prisoners have escaped from Caernarvon high security prison. They stole dustmen's uniforms and walked out through the main gate.

**154-156**

- 1 **finished time:** a long time ago: before I was born: in 1991: just after I got up: last year: when I was nine  
**unfinished time:** in my life: lately: this year: today
- 2 1 haven't seen 2 've never seen 3 've done 4 left 5 did you get  
 6 haven't finished 7 've often wondered 8 caught 9 read 10 Have you seen
- 3 1 were 2 haven't read 3 Have you visited 4 lived 5 didn't discover: knew  
 6 have discovered 7 gave 8 have you been 9 have never enjoyed  
 10 Did you hear
- 5 'Oh yes! I've met ...' 'When did you last feed ...?'

**156-157**

- 1 1 Yes. 2 No. 3 No. 4 Yes. 5 Yes. 6 No.
- 2 2 ... She has had bad luck all her life.  
 3 I wanted to be a doctor until I was fifteen.  
 4 He has been unemployed ever since he left school.  
 5 How long have you lived in this town?  
 6 I didn't work very hard when I was at university.  
 7 ... but he has been fine since then.  
 8 I have had trouble sleeping all this week.  
 9 I had trouble sleeping all last week.  
 10 I have learnt a lot in this job.  
 11 I did not learn much in that job.  
 12 My boyfriend and I have known each other for ages.  
 13 He lived in Durban for a year before he got married.  
 14 I spent three days in hospital last month.
- 3 1 have played 2 has had 3 ran 4 have you drunk 5 came 6 wrote  
 7 has written 8 cooked: have cooked 9 have made 10 have just lost
- 5 I've spent ...

**158-159**

- 1 1 has been raining 2 have been learning 3 has been playing  
 4 have ... been living 5 has been walking 6 have been working  
 7 has been crying 8 has been playing 9 Have ... been waiting (*cartoon B*)  
 10 've been waiting (*cartoon A*)
- 2 Aren't you hungry?' 'No, I've been eating all day.'  
 'Is it true that Philip's been arrested?' 'Yes, he's been stealing things from shops.'  
 'Janet seems very cheerful. 'She's been skung with Roger for the last week.'  
 'She's very dirty.' 'She's been cleaning the cellar.'  
 'Why are my books all over the floor?' 'Helen's been looking at them.'  
 'Why's your hair wet?' 'I've been swimming.'  
 'You all look very miserable.' 'Yes, we've been telling each other our life stories.'

'You look tired.' 'I've been gardening all afternoon.'  
 'You're very late.' 'I've been talking to Henry, and he just goes on and on.'  
 'Your hair's all white.' 'Yes, I've been painting the ceiling.'

**3** (Examples of possible answers)

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 It's been raining.            | 4 They've been running.       |
| 2 She's been playing tennis.    | 5 She's been writing letters. |
| 3 He's been playing the guitar. | 6 He's/They've been fighting. |

**100**

- 1** 1 has been standing 2 has stood 3 has been gardening; has planted  
 4 has gone 5 has been seeing 6 have you been waiting 7 have waited  
 8 has farmed 9 has only been farming 10 have been learning 11 have learnt  
 12 has done 13 have been doing 14 have cleaned 15 have been washing

**101**

- 1** **DIY** *since + starting point; for + period.* (We use *since* if we say when something started; we use *for* if we say how long it has lasted.)

- 3** 1 for 2 since 3 for 4 for 5 since 6 for 7 for

- 4** 1 Jake has been running / has run a small business for five years.  
 2 Andy has been living / has lived in Dublin for a year / since last year.  
 3 Helen has been playing / has played the piano for two years.  
 4 Rob has had a Mercedes for five years.  
 5 Jan has been living / has lived with Pete since 1994.  
 6 Sammy has been learning Turkish for four years.

**102**

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 1 has been (snowing); got up | 4 has been; got       |
| 2 have been; lost              | 5 went; haven't heard |
| 3 took up; has had             | 6 has been; had       |

**2** (Examples of possible answers)

He looks much younger since he shaved off his beard.  
 It's nearly three years since he had a job.  
 It's only a week since I met her, but it seems like years.  
 It's too long since we last had a proper talk.  
 She's a lot happier since she stopped going out with Pete.  
 Things are better since we got our own flat.

**103**

- 1** **DIY** Rule 3 is true.

- 2** 1 came 2 didn't like 3 've been lying 4 've never been 5 's been raining  
 6 didn't come 7 ('ve) paid 8 got 9 have left 10 's/has moved 11 died  
 12 's been 13 was 14 's gone 15 've been 16 for 17 's always been  
 18 's left 19 wasn't 20 haven't trusted 21 broke 22 said 23 was  
 24 hasn't been 25 have taken

**104-105**

- 1** 1 was having; went 2 was lying 3 were all talking  
 4 was coming; was shopping 5 met; was travelling 6 was talking; walked; stole  
 7 came; stopped 8 looked; saw; were flying 9 woke; was pouring  
 10 broke; was playing 11 went; was; was crying 12 told; was having

**2** (Examples of possible answers)

While she was watching TV the ceiling fell in.  
 While he was talking to a friend somebody stole his wallet.  
 He took her photo while she was playing tennis.

- 3** 1 were throwing 2 were dancing 3 was/were not dancing 4 was grinning  
 5 was holding 6 came 7 ordered 8 asked

**106-107**

- 1** **DIY** Rule 3 gives the best explanation.



- 2 1 was sorry; had not been 6 had invited; had not invited  
 2 came; had forgotten 7 found; had hidden  
 3 had seen; knew 8 had never heard  
 4 had not checked; broke 9 came; had been  
 5 had lent 10 had already started; arrived
- 3 1 went 2 had not been 3 arrived 4 spent 5 had had 6 saw  
 7 had shared 8 had lost 9 had not seen 10 called 11 looked 12 turned  
 13 realised 14 had 15 saw 16 went 17 explained 18 had got  
 19 was not 20 felt 21 had not passed 22 had said 23 had arrived  
 24 had 25 thought 26 had 27 got 28 began 29 had happened
- 4 After he had tried on six pairs of shoes he decided he liked the first ones best.  
 After Mary had done all the shopping she took a short walk round the park.  
 When I had washed and dried the last plate Paul came in and offered to help.  
 When Mark had looked through all the drawers in his room he started going through  
 the cupboards downstairs.  
 When he had finished eating lunch he went to the cafe in the square for a cup of coffee.
- 5 When/After I had written to my boyfriend, I watched television ...  
 When/After everybody had had a chance to say what they thought, we ...  
 When/After I had posted the letter I felt  
 After she had stopped trying to lose weight she looked ...  
 When/After he had bought presents for everyone in his family he bought ..

## 125-128

- 2 **DIY** Simple past perfect. diagram B. past perfect progressive. diagram C.
- 3 1 had been repairing 2 had been working 3 had been lying 4 had been driving
- 4 2 Kate, because she had been (doing some) gardening  
 3 Stephanie, because she had been playing tennis.  
 4 John, because he had been practising (his) karate.  
 5 Pam, because she had been (horse-)riding.  
 6 Philip, because he had been painting (the ceiling in his room).  
 7 Roger, because he had been swimming.
- 5 Mr Lucas said he had been watching TV, but actually he had been stealing cars.  
 Mrs Allen said she had been talking on the phone, but actually she had been making a  
 bomb.  
 Mr Nash said he had been washing clothes, but actually he had been forging £5 notes.  
 Alice said she had been playing cards, but actually she had been selling drugs.  
 Pete said he had been studying chemistry but actually he had been fighting.  
 Aunt Jane said she had been writing letters, but actually she had been planning a bank  
 robbery.  
 Miss Fry said she had been washing her hair, but actually she had been out dancing  
 with her sister's boyfriend.  
 Rob said he had been painting his flat, but actually he had been playing roulette.

## 170

- 1 1 ... I've seen this film 7 ... all the family has been together ...  
 2 ... you've sung that song ... 8 ... I've eaten this year  
 3 ... I've felt happy 9 ... the first thing you've said to me ...  
 4 ... you've made ... 10 ... the first clothes I've bought  
 5 ... I've ever seen her cry myself .  
 6 ... you've drunk ...
- 2 It was the first time he had worn uniform  
 It was the first time he had had to make his own bed.  
 It was the first time he had cleaned his own boots.  
 It was the first time he had fired a gun.  
 It was the first time he had walked more than a mile.

**171**

- 1 How many days did you intend to stay?
- 2 I was hoping you could lend me £10.
- 3 I was wondering if you had two single rooms.
- 4 Were you looking for anything special?
- 5 Could you give me a hand?
- 6 I'm looking forward to seeing you again.
- 7 I was thinking I would borrow your bike ...
- 8 We could ask Peter to help us.
- 9 I was wondering if I could ask you a small favour
- 10 I thought it would be a good idea to invite Simon.

**172-175**

- 1 1 has crashed; hit; had put 2 turned; went; had forgotten  
3 have been doing; have cleaned 4 was lying; rang  
5 started; had not been/gone 6 have been playing 7 got; was watching  
8 haven't seen 9 have you been learning 10 has changed; came  
11 have you seen, 've seen 12 have never seen 13 got  
14 have often wondered; got 15 Have you read 16 have just discovered  
17 Did you hear 18 has been 19 was talking; started; broke 20 had done  
21 has been standing 22 has stood 23 have spent / have been spending; got  
24 was; studied 25 had finished; sat 26 met; had been working  
27 have never learnt 28 Have you finished 29 lived; was 30 has had
- 2 1 got 2 got 3 was 4 were 5 got 6 had already started 7 fell  
8 were sitting 9 hit 10 turned 11 was sitting 12 waited/was waiting  
13 was carrying 14 asked 15 told 16 disappeared 17 opened 18 saw  
19 had approached 20 saw 21 took 22 shot 23 has seen  
24 (have) fought 25 has/had been 26 were 27 began 28 was
- 3 A Look, Mary. I must go; I started leaving my husband an hour ago.  
B How long have you had this fear of heights, Mr Winthrop?  
C You booked us a holiday abroad during the summer. Could you tell us, please, where we went?  
D I've found another bit of metal, Maureen.  
E Good Lord, Fenton, I had no idea you had died.  
F First time you've done this job, is it?  
G Perhaps I could help you choose, sir – what, exactly, have you done?  
H He has nothing to do. All his batteries have run down.

**176-177**

- 1 were left: simple past were stranded: simple past  
had been ... locked in: past perfect were given: simple past
- 2 1 is spoken 2 was built 3 will be opened 4 is being interviewed  
5 was being followed 6 Have you been invited 7 had been stolen 8 are made  
9 are asked 10 is being mended 11 was burnt down 12 has just been found
- 3 1 Hamlet was written by Shakespeare. 10 Manchester were beaten 3 – 0 by  
2 She has been arrested for shoplifting. Liverpool yesterday.  
3 Your car is being repaired now. 11 Paper was invented by the Chinese.  
4 Spanish is spoken in Chile. 12 Hops are needed to make beer.  
5 Has Peter been asked? 13 Stamps aren't sold in bookshops.  
6 This ring was made by my mother. 14 Your application is still being  
7 This car is driven by electricity. considered by the directors.  
8 You will be told where to go.  
9 She was knocked down by a drunken motorist.
- 4 ... you're being replaced ...

**178-179**

- 1 DIY** It would be difficult to rewrite the text sensibly with active verbs.  
The best rules are 2 and 3.
- 2** 1b 2b 3a 4a 5b
- 3** 1a: 2b: 3a: 4b: 5a: 6b: 7a: 8a: 9b
- 4 DIY** 2 We were shocked that nobody was prepared to take him to hospital.  
3 I was annoyed that Mary wanted to tell everybody what to do.  
4 I wasn't pleased that George rang me up at three in the morning to tell me he was in love again.  
5 I was confused by the fact that he looked completely different from the last time I had met him.

A passive can make it easier to move a **very heavy subject** to the end of a sentence.

**180**

- 1** 2 We were brought papers to sign. 7 We are taught French by Mrs Lee.  
3 Henry was given a clock ... 8 I have been lent a car for a week.  
4 The children were read stories. 9 We were promised a full explanation.  
5 I am owed £5,000. 10 I was told a lot of lies by the secretary.  
6 I have been offered a new job.
- 2** 1 had been told 2 had been given 3 was shown 4 was given 5 was given  
6 had never been taught / was sent 8 was offered 9 was promised  
10 wasn't being paid

**181**

- 1** (*Examples of possible answers*)  
Bills are being prepared/paid. Money is being changed/paid/taken.  
Coffee is being made/ordered/prepared/served. New guests are being welcomed.  
Drinks are being ordered/served. Reservations are being made/taken.  
Food is being ordered/prepared/served. Rooms are being cleaned/prepared.  
Luggage is being brought down. Tables are being laid.
- 2** (*Examples of possible answers*)  
The houseboats have been turned into floating restaurants.  
A new car park has been built.  
New schools have been built.  
The opera house has been rebuilt.  
The old fire station has been turned into a theatre.  
A ring road has been built.  
The station has been modernised.  
Some streets have been widened.  
The town centre has been turned into a pedestrian precinct.  
A statue of you has been put up in the park.  
The Super Cinema has been turned into a supermarket.  
Your house has been turned into a museum.

**182**

- 1** 1 It is thought that the government will fail.  
2 Mr Evans was appointed secretary  
3 She was called a witch by the villagers.  
4 It was believed that fresh air was bad for sick people.  
5 There are said to be wolves in the mountains.  
6 The man holding the hostages is thought to be heavily armed.  
7 He is said to be in an agitated state.  
8 She was considered strange (by everybody).  
9 The rate of inflation is expected to rise.  
10 He is said to be somewhere in Germany.

- 11 Harris was seen to leave the plane in Ontario.
- 12 She is thought to have died in a plane crash.
- 13 The earth was believed to be the centre of the universe.
- 14 There is thought to be oil under Windsor Castle.
- 15 I was made to give them details of my bank accounts.

**122**

- 1 1 Could you send the bill to me? 6 Read me the letter, will you?
- 2 I've bought you a present. 7 She teaches French to adults.
- 3 Leave some potatoes for me. 8 I took Mrs Samuels the report.
- 4 I lent £5 to Bill yesterday. 9 Would you get a beer for me?
- 5 Show your picture to Granny. 10 We owe the bank £20,000.

**124-125**

- 1 blow up – explode break up – disintegrate get up – rise give up – abandon  
go away – leave go into – enter look for – seek put off – postpone send back –  
return talk about – discuss think over – consider turn up – arrive
- 2 **DIY** Rules 1, 4 and 6 are correct.
- 3 1 We talked about it. 2 I put it off. 3 Could you look after them?  
4 We broke it off. 5 Can you clean it up? 6 She put it on. 7 I'm looking for it.  
8 I wrote it down. 9 I sent it back. 10 I stood on it.
- 4 1 away 2 on paper 3 not working 4 quieter 5 into pieces  
6 to various people 7 further 8 higher 9 working 10 louder

**126-127**

- 1 **DIY** get + direct object: receive, obtain, fetch, buy ...  
get + adjective: become  
get + adverb particle/preposition: move, change position
- 2 get across – cross get better – improve get bigger – increase, grow  
get off – alight from, leave (public transport) get on – board (public transport)  
get out of leave get over – recover from get smaller decrease, shrink  
get to – reach get up – rise (from bed)
- 3 1 getting better 2 got into 3 Get on; get off 4 Get out 5 get wet 6 get cold  
7 get old 8 get really hungry 9 getting tired/sleepy 10 gets dark
- 4 'Shall we go swimming?' 'OK. I'll just go and get changed.'  
'What time do the animals get fed?' 'Eight o'clock.'  
Every time he goes walking in the country he gets lost.  
His glasses got broken in the fight.  
I was talking to her on the phone but we got cut off.  
I'm going to get undressed and go to bed.  
If you leave your bag there, it'll get stolen.  
That child takes an hour to get dressed in the morning.  
They're going to get married next April.

**128**

- 1 1 to be working 2 be repaired 3 to go 4 to have seen 5 be having  
6 to listen 7 to be chosen 8 not to be 9 have told 10 to be interrupted
- 2 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
2 She seems to be drinking. 6 She seems to be talking on the phone.  
3 She must be driving. 7 She could be brushing her hair.  
4 She may be playing tennis. 8 She may be reading.  
5 She could be washing.

- 1 1 I'm glad to have met you.  
2 I was sorry to have disturbed him.  
3 I expect to have passed ...  
4 You seem to have made ...
- 2 2 I would like to have seen his face when ...  
3 He meant to have finished all his work ...  
4 We were to have spent a week skiing.
- 5 I'm happy to have had a chance ...  
6 I was disappointed to have missed ...  
7 She seems to have got lost.  
8 She was pleased to have found ...
- 5 It was to have been the happiest ...  
6 She meant to have said goodbye ...  
7 I would like to have lived ...  
8 He was to have played ...

- 1 2 You should eat enough.  
3 I might go sailing ...  
4 She expects to get married ...  
5 I agreed to help her.  
6 We must make ...  
7 He seems to be ill.  
8 I wish I could change ...  
9 I hope to come ...
- 10 You needn't apologise.  
11 They have decided to open ...  
12 I promise to pay you ...  
13 I didn't manage to find ...  
14 I would rather go ...  
15 She refused to see ...  
16 I've learnt to play chess.

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
'Ann really upset Granny.' 'I'm sure she didn't mean to.'  
'Are you enjoying your new job?' 'Well, I'm starting to.'  
'Can I see you home?' 'If you'd like to.'  
'Can you mend this by Tuesday?' 'I'll try to, but I can't promise.'  
'Did you get my coat from the cleaner's?' 'Sorry, I forgot to.'  
'Do you collect stamps?' 'No, but I used to.'  
'Do you think he knows what he's doing?' 'He seems to.'  
'Do you want to come out with us tonight?' 'I'd like to, but I'm working late.'  
'Does she think she'll win?' 'Yes, she expects to.'  
'How would you and Sue like to spend the weekend with us?' 'We'd love to.'  
'I think you ought to see the police about the people next door.' 'I intend to. They can't go on keeping the whole street awake every night.'  
'Shall we go swimming?' 'I don't really want to - it's too cold.'  
'Should we book seats in advance?' 'We don't need to - there's always plenty of room.'  
We'd like to move to a bigger house but we can't afford to.

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
2 You go to a bookshop to buy books. 3 ... to see a film. 4 ... to see a play.  
5 ... to swim. 6 ... to exercise. 7 ... to learn to drive. 8 ... to catch a train.  
9 ... to catch a plane. 10 ... to book a holiday. 11 ... to pray.  
12 ... to watch a football match. 13 ... to get money. 14 ... to buy stamps.  
15 ... to have a meal. 16 ... to buy food. 17 ... to get petrol.  
18 ... to buy a newspaper.

- 1 1 surprised 2 surprising 3 tiring 4 tired 5 disappointing 6 disappointed  
7 excited 8 exciting 9 shocked 10 shocking 11 confusing 12 confused  
13 annoyed 14 annoying
- 2 The visitors are boring (and the host is bored).
- 3 A botanist is interested in plants. A historian is interested in the past.  
A cook is interested in food. A linguist is interested in languages.  
A doctor is interested in medicine. A mathematician is interested in numbers.  
An explorer is interested in travel. A zoologist is interested in animals.  
A fashion designer is interested in clothes.  
A geographer is interested in places.

**194-195**

- 1 1 Drinking 2 paying 3 hearing 4 lying 5 skiing; climbing 6 Learning  
7 saying 8 Forgetting 9 Watching 10 Answering; typing
- 3 1 Do you mind me asking ... ? 5 ... by Peter needing to see ...  
2 I don't appreciate you shouting ... 6 I was astonished at you expecting ...  
3 I couldn't understand Pat wanting ... 7 ... by Ann having to go ...  
4 What's the use of them asking ... ? 8 She can't stand me telling her ...

**196**

- 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
Do you feel like helping me?  
Do you have time to do anything else besides looking after the children?  
He insisted on paying for everything.  
He passed his exams in spite of not doing any work.  
How about going out to a restaurant tonight?  
I apologise for disturbing you.  
I like walking as well as playing football.  
I sometimes dream of having time to read all my books.  
I'm fed up of/with selling things.  
I'm not capable of understanding this – it's too difficult.  
I'm tired of answering that child's questions.  
She succeeded in convincing the police that she was not a burglar.  
She talked about/of changing her job, but I don't think she will.  
She's keen on cooking.  
She's very good at swimming and dancing.  
Thank you for telling me the truth.  
We're excited about moving to Canada.  
We're thinking of seeing George next week.  
Why don't you come out with us instead of staying at home?  
You can't live without eating.

**197**

- 1 2 By playing loud music. 6 By taking an aspirin.  
3 By robbing a bank. 7 By using an extinguisher.  
4 By oiling it. 8 By switching on the ignition.  
5 By looking in a dictionary.
- 2 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
A paperclip is for holding papers together. Money is for buying things.  
Soap is for washing. A knife is for cutting things.  
A saucepan is for cooking. A bag is for carrying things.  
A pen is for writing. A hairbrush is for brushing hair.

**198**

- 1 **DIY** 1A 2C 3B
- 2 Aren't you used to walking this far?  
Starting at half four's no problem – I'm used to getting up early.  
I look forward to receiving your comments.  
I look forward to seeing you again in six months' time.  
I object to paying for it. It should be free.  
I'll never get used to sleeping on the floor.  
I'm not looking forward to going back to school.  
I'm not sure where to turn. I'm not used to coming this way.  
If you're used to having money, it's hard to be without it.  
Sean's used to dealing with difficult kids.

**199**

- 1 **DIY verb + infinitive:** agree; dare; decide; expect; fail; happen; hope; manage; mean;  
offer; prepare; pretend; promise; refuse; seem; wish  
**verb + -ing form:** avoid; can't help; deny; (can't) face; fancy; feel like; finish; give up;  
imagine; keep (on); mind; miss; postpone; practise; put off; risk; spend time;  
(can't) stand; suggest

- 2 1 liking 2 to stay 3 to hear 4 going 5 cooking 6 studying 7 smoking  
8 being 9 to find 10 passing 11 seeing 12 to be 13 seeing 14 talking  
15 to see 16 watching

- 200** 1 1 You can go fishing 2 ... go riding 3 ... go sailing 4 ... go shopping  
5 ... go skating 6 ... go swimming 7 ... go skiing

- 201** 1 1 The shoes need cleaning. 5 The chicken needs cooking.  
2 The window needs mending. 6 The car needs servicing.  
3 The racket needs re-stringing. 7 The wall needs painting.  
4 The bed needs making. 8 The man's hair needs cutting.

- 202-203** 1 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
Her boss wants her to work harder.  
Her daughter wants her to buy her a car.  
Her husband wants her to cook supper.  
Her mother wants her to leave her husband.  
Her son wants her to buy him some new clothes.  
The butcher wants her to pay his bill.  
The dog wants her to take him for a walk.  
The government wants her to pay taxes.  
The vicar wants her to go to church.
- 2 1 They didn't allow us to look at the house.  
2 I asked Jake to be more careful.  
3 She encouraged me to try the exam.  
4 I expect him to come soon.  
5 I left him to solve the problem.  
6 Did you mean me to pay?  
7 The captain ordered the men to attack.  
8 I reminded Sue to buy coffee.  
9 She taught me to cook.  
10 I don't want her to tell anybody.
- 4 'I'm not asking you to serve me ...'
- 5 1 Her parents let her stay up late.  
2 Her parents made her do the washing up.  
3 Her parents let her read what she liked.  
4 Her parents made her iron her own clothes.  
5 Her parents made her do her homework.  
6 Her parents let her drink beer.  
7 Her parents made her clean up her room.  
8 Her parents made her go to church.  
9 Her parents let her have parties.  
10 Her parents let her choose her own school

- 204-205** 1 **DIY** Things people did: *remember ...ing*. Things people have/had to do: *remember + infinitive*.
- 2 **DIY** Change: *go on + infinitive*. Continuation: *go on ...ing*.
- 3 **DIY** Infinitive after object; *-ing* form if there is no object.
- 4 **DIY** Activity stops: *-ing* form. Reason for stopping: infinitive.
- 5 **DIY** Only infinitive after *would like*, *would prefer* etc.
- 6 **DIY** Both structures for things that are difficult: *try ...ing* for experiments.
- 7 **DIY** Action going on: object + *-ing* form. Completed action: object + infinitive without *to*.
- 8 1 meeting 2 to post 3 not visiting 4 to talk 5 learning 6 to make  
7 visiting 8 watching / to watch 9 to spend 10 to come 11 reading  
12 to repair / repairing 13 waiting 14 break 15 crawling 16 to get  
17 working 18 to tell

- 206** 1 **DIY** The five which cannot are *fine*, *intelligent*, *lazy*, *unusual*, *well*.

- *(Examples of possible answers)*  
 I'm bad at getting up early.  
 I'm bored with seeing the same faces every day.  
 I'm capable of going for a long time without sleep.  
 I'm excited about seeing my family next weekend.  
 I'm fed up with (or of) studying.  
 I'm fond of dancing.  
 I'm good at repairing cars.  
 I'm guilty of breaking the speed limit.  
 I'm tired of listening to the children.

**207**

- 1 **DIY Followed by infinitive:** decision, need, plan, time, wish  
**Followed by preposition + ...ing:** difficulty, hope, idea, thought
- 2 1 to go 2 in reading 3 of arriving 4 of leaving 5 to tell 6 to spend  
 7 of losing 8 to go 9 to meet
- 3 Has he got any hope of passing the exam?  
 He made a decision to start a new life.  
 Does your fear of flying stop you travelling?  
 Lucy has difficulty in keeping her temper.  
 She hated the thought of dying without seeing the world.  
 She was a fool to buy that car.  
 There's no need to get angry.  
 They have a plan to start a business.  
 Time to get up!

**208-209**

- 1 1 There's no need for the meeting to start before eight.  
 2 It's time for the postman to come.  
 3 It's unusual for him to be late.  
 4 I'm anxious for the children to go to a good school.  
 5 It's a bad idea for John to go to Australia.  
 6 It would be a mistake for Sue to change her job just now.  
 7 Is it possible for Paul to come to the meeting?  
 8 It's important for the car to have regular services.  
 9 It's normal for him to stay up late on Saturdays.  
 10 I'd be happy for you to take a holiday.
- 2 1 It's important for there to be public libraries.  
 2 It's vital for there to be a good public transport system.  
 3 It's important for there to be plenty of open spaces.  
 4 It's essential for there to be enough car parks.
- 3 *(Examples of possible answers)*  
 English is easy to understand. Boiled eggs are good to eat.  
 Chinese is hard to learn. Lobster is hard to eat.  
 Small children are interesting to watch. Some modern music is boring to listen to.  
 Silver is hard to clean.



Was the train very crowded, dear?



**2** *(Examples of possible answers)*

- 1 Where is the small village?
- 2 Where do the three families live?
- 3 How many children have Alice and George got?
- 4 Who has got a baby daughter?
- 5 What does George do?
- 6 What do Joe and Sid do?
- 7 What does Alice take care of?
- 8 Where does Joe work?

**3** *(Examples of possible answers)*

- 1 Who does the cooking?
- 2 Who does the housework?
- 3 Who does the repairs?
- 4 Who takes care of the garden?

**211**

- 1 1 'What's your flat like?'
- 2 'How's your mother?'
- 3 'How's work going?'

- 9 What does Joe design?
- 10 What does Pam do? / What is Pam's job?
- 11 How many of the children go to school in the village?
- 12 How do the other children go to school?
- 13 Where is the secondary school?
- 14 How far away is it?

- 5 What is their biggest worry?
- 6 What needs replacing?
- 7 What needs repairing?

- 4 'How's business?'
- 5 'What's Anne's boyfriend like?'
- 6 'How's school?'

**2** *(Examples of possible answers)*

- 1 What size 2 What colour 3 What sort of 4 What make 5 What time
- 6 What time 7 What sort of 8 What size 9 What make of 10 Where ever
- 11 Who ever 12 What ever

**212**

- 1 2 Austrians don't speak Japanese.
- 3 Roses aren't green.
- 4 Cats can't fly.
- 5 Shakespeare wasn't French.
- 6 Fridges don't run on petrol.

- 7 The sun doesn't go round the earth.
- 8 Telescopes don't make things smaller.
- 9 There aren't seventeen players in a rugby team.
- 10 Bananas don't grow in Scotland.

**214-215**

- 1 1 Aren't you cold?
- 2 Why aren't you eating?
- 3 Don't you speak French?
- 2 2 Don't you speak German?
- 3 Isn't that Pamela ... ?
- 4 Didn't you study ... ?
- 5 Isn't this your coat?
- 6 Isn't your father a doctor?
- 3 2 Didn't she pass the exam?
- 3 Haven't you paid for your ticket?
- 4 Didn't you lock the door?
- 5 Can't you understand English? ...
- 6 Don't you like my cooking?

- 4 Aren't the shops closed?
- 5 Hasn't the postman come?
- 6 Isn't your mother at home?
- 7 Wasn't Tony going to come ... ?
- 8 Won't you be in Edinburgh next week?
- 9 Aren't you making a mistake?
- 10 Wouldn't it be better to stop now?

- 4 2 No, I don't 3 No, I can't 4 Yes, it is 5 Yes, I have 6 Yes, she was
- 7 No, I'm not. 8 No, I didn't.

**216**

- 1 1 not 2 not 3 no 4 not 5 no 6 not 7 not 8 Not 9 no 10 not no

**217**

- 1 1 I don't think you're right.
- 2 I don't believe you've met my sister.
- 3 I don't suppose you know where Ruth is.
- 4 I don't imagine we'll arrive before midnight.

- 5 I don't think they know what they're doing.
- 6 I don't think I made myself clear.
- 7 I don't suppose you remembered to bring my book back.
- 8 I don't believe I've got enough money.

- 2 1 He doesn't seem to be well.  
2 I don't expect to be home late.  
3 I never want to climb another mountain.
- 4 It doesn't seem to be raining.  
5 I don't expect to pass the exam.  
6 He never wants to get married.

**218-219**

- 1 1 Don't use 2 Add 3 Mix 4 oil 5 put in 6 Shape 7 bake
- 3 1 Always add salt ...  
2 Always check the tyres ...  
3 Never cook chicken ...  
4 Never wait more ...  
5 Always unplug ...
- 6 Always count your change ...  
7 Never/Always put off ...  
8 Never/Always say ...  
9 Always/Never pay ...  
10 Never apologise ...
- 4 (Examples of possible answers)  
1 Don't be (so) greedy.  
2 Do be careful.  
3 Don't be angry.  
4 Do be back by midnight.  
5 Don't be frightened.
- 6 Don't be (so) stupid.  
7 Do be on time.  
8 Don't be (so) rude.  
9 Don't be (so) jealous.

**220**

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)  
3 Let's play tennis. 4 Let's go for a walk. 5 Let's not play cards.  
6 Let's play chess. 7 Let's go to Paris 8 Let's go and see a film.  
9 Let's not go dancing. 10 Let's go skiing. 11 Let's do the washing up.  
12 Let's go to a restaurant.

**221**

- 1 **KEY** The subject and verb come at the end of the exclamation.
- 2 2 How interesting!  
3 What a nuisance!  
4 What big eyes you've got.  
grandmother!  
5 How disgusting!  
6 How noisy those children are!
- 7 How well he cooks!  
8 How wrong we were!  
9 What a lot of nonsense he talks!  
10 What funny clothes she wears!  
11 How badly she plays!  
12 What a fool I was!
- 3 2 Isn't that interesting!  
3 Isn't that a nuisance!  
4 Haven't you got big eyes, grandmother!  
5 Isn't that disgusting!  
6 Aren't those children noisy!  
7 Doesn't he cook well!
- 8 Weren't we wrong!  
9 Doesn't he talk a lot of nonsense!  
10 Doesn't she wear funny clothes!  
11 Doesn't she play badly!  
12 Wasn't I a fool!

**222-223**

- 1 There is 2 There were 3 there was 4 there will be 5 There's  
6 Are there 7 There have been 8 There are not 9 There's been 10 there isn't
- 2 1 There's 2 It's 3 It's 4 There's 5 It's 6 There's 7 There's 8 It's  
9 There's 10 It's
- 3 According to the forecast, there's likely to be more snow tonight.  
I can't see how to open the door. There must be a keyhole somewhere.  
I'm looking forward to the party. There are sure to be some nice people there.  
OK, children, now I don't want there to be any noise while I'm on the phone.  
That must be Jeff. There can't be two people who look like that.  
There are too many people looking for too few jobs in this country.  
There aren't any tickets now, but there may be some tomorrow.  
There's no need to hurry. We've got plenty of time.  
There's no point in going out if you've got a headache – you won't enjoy it.  
There's something the matter with the car – it won't start.  
'What did the doctor say?' 'He says there's nothing wrong with me.'  
'Why have we stopped?' 'There seems to be something lying in the road.'

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- 1 1 My wife's on holiday. 2 I couldn't. 3 Have you seen Joe? 4 Be careful ...  
5 There's nobody ... 6 I don't think so. 7 The train's late again.  
8 Do you know ...? 9 Have you got ...? 10 I've lost ...
- 2 1 Changed my job. 2 Doesn't know ... 3 Cost you £10. 4 Careful of ...  
5 No time ... 6 Bus is coming. 7 Speak English? 8 Haven't been there.  
9 Thinks he's clever. 10 Got a light?

225

- 1 1 ... but I can tomorrow. 6 ... Yes, it is.  
2 ... and Sue has too. 7 ... but I can.  
3 ... Yes, I would (have). 8 ... and Celia doesn't either.  
4 ... It certainly does. 9 ... but I do.  
5 ... I have.
- 2 (Examples of possible answers)  
1 think the whole thing is too absurd / think so 5 come round  
2 thought that/so 6 ready to take offence  
3 think that/so 7 ready to take offence  
4 come round 8 want to quarrel  
9 want to say another thing about it

226

- 1 1 aren't I 2 aren't we 3 are they 4 am I 5 were they 6 is she 7 isn't it  
8 isn't he 9 can't he 10 mustn't it 11 won't it 12 don't they 13 will they  
14 isn't there 15 hasn't she 16 does she 17 haven't they 18 wasn't I

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- 1 1 they 2 are you 3 is there 4 does it 5 they 6 did she 7 haven't they  
8 is there 9 did you
- 2 Do have some more tea, won't you? Pass me the newspaper, could/will/  
Don't drive too fast, will you? would you?  
Let's start again, shall we? You couldn't tell me the time, could you?

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- 1 (Examples of possible answers)  
1 Yes, I am. / No, I'm not. 6 Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.  
2 Yes, I do. / No, I don't. 7 No, I can't. / Yes, I can.  
3 It certainly is. 8 He certainly does.  
4 I won't. 9 Yes, she did.  
5 I will. 10 I will.

- 2 (Example of possible answer)  
'It was a lovely wedding.'  
'Was it?'  
'Yes. Though I didn't think much of Maggie's dress.'  
'Didn't you?'  
'No, that colour doesn't suit her at all.'  
'Doesn't it?'  
'No, it doesn't. Anyway, I don't really go for church weddings.'  
'Don't you?'  
'No. And the service went on for ages.'  
'Did it really?'  
'Yes. And I was sitting right at the back, so I couldn't hear the vicar.'  
'Couldn't you?'  
'No. The music was nice, though.'  
'Was it?'  
'Yes. They played that hymn about sheep. Lovely. I must say I didn't enjoy the reception much.'  
'Didn't you?'  
'No. The food wasn't very good.'

'Oh, dear. Wasn't it?'

'No. And the bride's father made such a stupid speech.'

'Did he, dear?'

'Yes. And I got one of my headaches.'

'Did you? I am sorry.'

'Yes. Champagne always gives me a headache.'

'Does it?'

'Yes, it really does. And I was sitting next to that Mrs Foster from down the road. I can't stand that woman.'

'Can't you?'

'No, she's always criticising.'

'Is she really?'

'Yes. Anyway, I must go.'

'Oh, must you?'

'Yes. Nice to talk to you. It really was a lovely wedding.'

**220**

- 1 (*These are the sentences that the people said, but other answers are possible.*)  
 1 I think so 2 I'm afraid so 3 I suppose so 4 I think so 5 I hope so  
 6 I think so 7 I think so 8 I'm afraid so 9 I hope so 10 I suppose so
- 2 1 I'm afraid not 2 I don't think so 3 I hope not 4 I suppose not  
 5 I'm afraid not 6 I hope not 7 I suppose not 8 I don't think so

**230-231**

- 1 1 so is 2 Neither/Nor have 3 neither/nor can 4 So do 5 So did  
 6 neither/nor do 7 so was 8 neither/nor will 9 So do 10 Neither/Nor was
- 3 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 The cat is black, and so is the handbag.      The parrot isn't green, and neither is the butterfly.  
 The car doesn't cost much, and nor does the motorbike.      The shoes are white, and so is the fish.  
 The car is green, and so is the frog.

**232-233**

- 1 2 It annoys me to hear her talk like that.      6 It makes me tired to watch him.  
 3 It takes four hours to get ...      7 It upsets me to hear her complaining.  
 4 It's silly to get upset ...      8 It's hard to say no to people.  
 5 It's nice to get up in the morning, but it's nicer to stay in bed.
- 2 2 It's a good thing that she's got some money saved.  
 3 It doesn't bother me that he's got long hair.  
 4 It worried her that John never talked to her.  
 5 It is essential that she should be told immediately.  
 6 It was strange that he didn't remember my name.  
 7 It's a pity that he can't come.  
 8 It is important that the children should get to bed early.  
 9 It is not true that wolves attack people.  
 10 It shocked me that she stole money.
- 3 (*Examples of possible answers*)  
 It doesn't interest me what you think.  
 It looks as if we're going to have trouble with Ann again.  
 It seems that he forgot to buy the tickets.  
 It will be a pity if we have to ask her to leave.  
 It's exciting when a baby starts talking.  
 It's important that everybody should have a chance to speak.  
 It's probable that we'll be a little late.  
 It's surprising how many unhappy marriages there are.

- 5 He made it difficult to like him. He made it clear what he wanted.  
His bad leg made it a problem to walk I find it interesting to hear her stories.  
I thought it strange that she hadn't written.

**234-235**

- 1 1 It was the baby that/who put marmalade ...  
It was marmalade that the baby put ...  
It was Dad's trousers that the baby put marmalade on ...  
It was this morning that the baby put ...  
2 It was Maria that/who gave ...  
It was her old bicycle that Maria gave ...  
It was Pat that Maria gave her old bicycle to ...  
It was last week that Maria gave ...  
3 It was Carl that/who broke ...  
It was the kitchen window that Carl broke ...  
It was a ladder that Carl broke the kitchen window with today.  
It was today that ...  
4 It was Mark that/who met Cathy ...  
It was Cathy that Mark met ...  
It was in Germany that Mark met ...  
It was in 1992 that Mark met ...  
2 2 It's not you I love, it's Peter.  
3 It's not Carol that's/who's the boss, it's Sandra.  
4 It's not the music I hate, it's the words  
5 It wasn't my glasses I lost, it was my keys.  
6 It isn't Bob that's/who's getting married, it's Clive.  
7 It wasn't Judy I saw, it was Jill.  
8 It's not maths he's studying, it's physics.  
9 It's not Max that's who's crazy, it's you.  
10 It's not a nail you need, it's a screw.  
3 2 What I need is a drink.  
3 What I like is her sense of humour  
4 What I hate is his jealousy.  
5 What keeps me fit is cycling.  
6 What makes the job interesting is the travelling.  
7 All I want is five minutes' rest.  
8 What I found was something very strange.  
9 What stopped us was the weather.  
10 What I don't understand is why she stays with him.

**236**

- 1 **DIY** all; at; by; this; under; with  
2 Although he was very bad-tempered, he had lots of friends.  
Always brush your teeth after you have a meal.  
Always wash your hands before you have a meal.  
As Liz told you, her mother left for Berlin last Friday.  
Because I knew her family, I did what I could for her.  
Talk to me like that again and I'll hit you.  
Don't do that again or I'll hit you.  
He had a terrible temper, but everybody liked him  
Liz explained to you that her mother went back home last week.  
I was sorry for her, so I tried to help her.  
If you do that again, you'll be sorry.  
There'll be trouble unless you stop that.

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- 1 After I've finished work, I'll come round to your place.
- 2 When the weather gets better, let's have a weekend in the country.
- 3 Before you go back to Canada, you ought to see Paula.
- 4 Although I didn't understand everything, I enjoyed the lecture.
- 6 Until Sean phones, we won't know what's happening.
- 7 As we're going out tonight, I'm going to buy some new jeans.
- 8 While they were asleep, somebody broke into the house.
- 9 Since he met Julie, he hasn't looked at another woman.
- 12 Because he was deaf, he didn't understand the policeman.

**The order cannot be changed in 5, 10, or 11.**

- 2 1 did 2 spoke 3 went 4 gave up 5 felt 6 left

236-239

- 1 1 as long as / provided 2 until 3 so that 4 while 5 as if / as though  
6 until 7 as if / as though 8 as long as / provided 9 so that 10 While
- 2 He went to Switzerland so that he could learn French.  
I don't mind you singing as long as you do it quietly.  
We moved the piano so that there would be room for the Christmas tree.  
We took some blankets so that we would be warm enough.  
We'll come back this afternoon as long as that's OK with you.  
We'll play tennis as long as it doesn't rain.
- 3 2 While she's very clever, she's got no common sense at all.  
3 While I know how you feel, I think you're making a mistake.  
4 While the job's well paid, it's deadly boring.  
5 While I'm interested in economics, I wouldn't want to work in a bank.  
6 While the hotel was nice, it was a long way from the beach.
- 4 1 She looks as if she's going swimming. 5 She looks as if she's had bad news.  
2 He looks as if he's lost something. 6 He looks as if he's seen a ghost.  
3 She looks as if she's been painting. 7 It looks as if it's going to rain.  
4 He looks as if he's got a cold. 8 He looks as if he's had good news.

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- 1 1 before 2 while 3 After 4 when 5 since 6 before 7 after 8 since  
9 while 10 when/while
- 2 Don't go swimming immediately after eating.  
Have a rest every hour or so when driving long distances.  
He has been terribly depressed since failing the exam.  
I had a word with Janet before talking to Eric.  
I often solve problems in my head while running.  
She always gets nervous before going on stage.  
Since coming back from America we haven't even had time to unpack.  
A few days after returning from holiday he began to feel ill.

241

- 1 1 Having left school at twelve, he had ... 7 A lorry broke down in High Street,  
2 It tastes delicious fried in butter ... causing a ...  
3 Walking over to her desk, she picked ... 8 Not wanting to frighten her, I phoned ...  
4 The water came into the houses, 9 Sent first class, it should  
flooding the ... 10 At 3 a.m. Simon came in, waking  
5 Knowing his tastes, I took ... everybody ...  
6 Putting on his coat, he went out.
- 2 1 thinking 2 staring 3 getting 4 sacrificing 5 thrown 6 dreaming

- 242** 1 1 He repairs both cars and motorbikes.  
 2 He speaks neither English nor French.  
 3 I neither like nor dislike her.  
 4 I both admire (him) and distrust him.  
 5 Both Paul and Sally are on holiday.  
 6 Neither the secretary nor the accountant had the file.  
 7 The play was both funny and shocking.  
 8 He collects both paintings and jewellery.  
 9 You're neither right nor wrong.  
 10 She neither looked at me nor said anything.

- 243** 1 Did you know there were mice in the cellar? I thought you'd get lost.  
 He suggested we might like to go skiing with him. I was surprised she wasn't angry with me.  
 I believe this is your coat. I'm glad we've had this talk.  
 I expect you've seen this already. It's funny he didn't say hello to you.  
 I heard you'd got a new job. Tell me you love me.  
 Were you surprised I phoned you?  
 You knew I wouldn't forget your birthday.
- 2 1 provided that 2 so 3 Now 4 such ... that 5 so that 6 provided  
 7 Now that

- 244-245** 1 1 will find; go 2 have; will write 3 Will you stay; takes 4 will be; recognises  
 5 will go; go 6 will give; finds 7 will ask; want 8 will find; are  
 9 win; will have 10 arrive; will phone

- 2 1 would be able; thought 6 would tell; thought  
 2 would always; was; knew 7 would be; could; liked  
 3 would never do; went 8 would not give; asked  
 4 would be; had; wanted 9 would mean; spent  
 5 would hit; talked

- 3 1 was; had not helped; needed 4 had done; needed  
 2 has been; lasted 5 talks; is thinking  
 3 have usually liked; worked

- 246** 2 **DIY** 2 is the best explanation.

- 3 You're; today; Oh, thanks; You are; OK; you (sit); I'll (get) you; (There)'s.  
 Yes (there) is; there; I don't (want); (It)'s; I'll (sit); here; you can't; these;  
 are (taken); etc.

- 247** 1 **DIY** a neither has to be changed c the first 'this' has to be changed  
 b the second 'this' has to be changed d both have to be changed

- 2 last week – the week before next week – the next week/the week after  
 now – then/that day right away this that/the/last this morning – that morning  
 today that day tomorrow the next day tonight – that night  
 yesterday the day before

- 3 2 that evening 3 there 4 the week before 5 the 6 right away/then  
 7 that morning 8 that night 9 the day before 10 that day

**DIRECT SPEECH**

simple present  
 present progressive  
 present perfect  
 simple past  
 will ...

**INDIRECT SPEECH**

simple past  
 past progressive  
 past perfect  
 past perfect  
 would ...

- 2 1 was 2 played 3 could 4 were leaving 5 hadn't brushed 6 had had  
7 had left 8 wouldn't say 9 would know 10 had been opened
- 3 1 fancied 2 had never met 3 had 4 wanted 5 was 6 did 7 was doing  
8 could not 9 moved / was moving 10 thought 11 wanted 12 could  
13 would call 14 wanted 15 thought 16 was falling 17 was lying  
18 had 19 didn't matter 20 were 21 was going 22 were 23 had left

**250**

- 1 2 I asked what the dark-haired child's name is/was.  
3 Are you deaf? I said I'm/I was utterly fed up.  
4 I told you it's/it was raining.  
5 I said you'll/you'd get your money.  
6 This article ... said the weather is/was changing.  
7 Al told me the repairs will/would cost £5,000.  
8 I asked if Jane is/was coming to see us.  
9 Pat told me that you're/you were going to the north.  
10 I bet ... that you won't/wouldn't pass your exam.  
11 See – I told you he hasn't/hadn't got much sense of humour.  
12 Sue ... said they're/they were getting married next week.

**251**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 I asked what Peter's address was.               | 6 ... where they kept the money.                           |
|   | 2 ... when the new manager was coming.            | 7 ... what time the meeting was.                           |
|   | 3 ... how she knew my name.                       | 8 ... when the last train left.                            |
|   | 4 ... why all the windows were open.              | 9 ... how the photocopier worked.                          |
|   | 5 ... how many books he wanted.                   | 10 ... how often Ann went shopping.                        |
| 2 | 1 I wondered if they liked me.                    | 6 ... if/whether my hair looked funny.                     |
|   | 2 ... if/whether I would be ready in time.        | 7 ... if/whether the postman had been.                     |
|   | 3 ... if/whether there was any food in the house. | 8 ... if/whether they spoke English.                       |
|   | 4 ... whether/if service was included or not.     | 9 ... if/whether I was doing the right thing.              |
|   | 5 ... if/whether I could pay by cheque.           | 10 ... whether/if the meeting was on Tuesday or Wednesday. |

**252**

- |   |                                      |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 She offered to cook supper.        | 9 He agreed to pay half.                 |
|   | 3 He advised me to leave early.      | 10 She told me to park round the corner. |
|   | 4 She asked me to close the door.    | 11 I asked him how to find the house.    |
|   | 5 She promised to stop smoking.      | 12 She told me when to phone.            |
|   | 6 He offered to do the shopping.     | 13 I told him what to say.               |
|   | 7 She advised me to tell the police. | 14 We offered to pay for the tickets.    |
|   | 8 I told her to wait outside.        |  |

**253**

- 1 **DIY** 1 After **tell**, we normally say **who** is spoken to. We do not put 'to' before the object.  
2 After **say** we don't have to say **who** is spoken to. If we do we put 'to' before the object.  
3 **Tell** means 'inform' or 'instruct'. It can't introduce questions.  
4 **Say** can't normally be used before an infinitive.
- 2 1 said 2 Tell 3 told 4 say 5 tell 6 told 7 say 8 tell 9 said 10 Say

**254**

- 1 1 I knew (that) I had seen him once before in London.  
2 The professor said (that) Shakespeare didn't speak French.  
3 When I got there, I found out (that) he had died two years before.  
4 It said on this TV programme that three thousand years ago there were tigers in England.  
5 It said on this morning's news that somebody had thrown a bomb at the Prime Minister.  
6 I read in a magazine that the ancient Romans suffered from lead poisoning.



- 2 1 She asked me if I would like a drink.
- 2 I said (that) I couldn't help it.
- 3 They thought (that) they should be home about six.
- 4 The forecast said (that) it might rain.
- 5 Everybody said (that) she must be joking.
- 6 I explained that I hadn't seen the notice.

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- 1 1 She thought (that) he was ill.
- 2 He said (that) he would be back the next day.
- 3 She said (that) she didn't like the music.
- 4 She asked me where the bus station was.
- 5 I asked him if/whether he had finished.
- 6 I felt (that) nobody loved me
- 7 He asked her whether/if she wanted tea or coffee.
- 8 She offered to clean the flat.
- 9 I asked when the car was going to be ready.
- 10 I wondered what I was doing there.
- 11 He proved that the earth is/was not flat.
- 12 I knew (that) those figures couldn't be right.
- 13 She thought (that) her cat understood everything she said.
- 14 I asked what the boss wanted.
- 15 I wondered if/whether Mary had phoned back.
- 16 I wondered if/whether dinosaurs laid eggs.
- 17 He advised me to see the doctor.
- 18 She asked him if/whether he would like a drink.

- 2 '... I thought they were yours.'
- '... no doubt you're wondering why I sent for you.'

If anybody asks you what you're doing, say you're with me.  
 How can you make decisions if you don't know what's going on?  
 If I buy three kilos, that'll do for a few weeks.  
 If I don't get up till nine, I never get anything done.  
 If I can't fix the video, I'll take it back to the shop.  
 I'll go with you if you like.  
 The shops are easy to get to if you park near the station.  
 We don't have to go out if you're not feeling up to it  
 If you're ready before eight, we can catch the early train.  
 You have to practise if you want to learn a musical instrument.

- 2 1 if 2 when 3 when 4 if 5 if 6 when 7 if 8 when 9 when 10 if
- 3 1 say; will scream 2 will be; manages 3 come; will cook 4 will need; go
- 5 will miss; move 6 wash; will dry 7 will be; doesn't come 8 get; will phone
- 9 look; will find 10 will be; gets

- 5 Pete.

258-259

- 1 1 would look; had 10 would help; asked
- 2 would be; didn't see 11 was/were not; would tidy
- 3 would be; didn't get 12 had; would show
- 4 knew; would go 13 had; would send
- 5 would you do; won 14 would you go; needed
- 6 would be; used 15 Would you mind; went
- 7 were not; would show 16 came; would you have
- 8 had; would make 17 would be; spent
- 9 loved; would buy 18 would not do; did not have

**2** *(Examples of possible answers)*

2 If I had a big house, I would invite lots of people.

3 If I had a yacht, I would go round the world.

4 If I had plenty of money, I would buy a horse.

5 If I didn't have a job, I'd be happier.

6 If I had more time, I'd study biology.

**4** 1 could/might play 2 might feel 3 might go 4 could/might get

5 could/might understand 6 might taste

**200****1** 1 comes 2 find 3 lived 4 arrived 5 We'll 6 would 7 would 8 will  
9 will 10 stop**2** *(The most probable answers)*

1 live 2 lived 3 were 4 wake 5 declared 6 have 7 gave 8 thought

9 is 10 is 11 banned 12 have

**200**

If I were a rabbit, I'd live in a hole.

If I were forty years younger, I'd go dancing all night.

If I were Moroccan, I'd speak Arabic.

If I were the manager, I'd give everybody ten weeks' holiday.

If it weren't so cold, I'd go for a walk.

If it were Sunday, I wouldn't be working.

If my nose were shorter, I'd be quite pretty.

If people were more sensible, there wouldn't be any wars.

If she were better-tempered, life in the office would be easier.

**200**

1 had known; would have invited

9 hadn't been; wouldn't have become

2 would have gone; hadn't been

10 had had; would have sold

3 had said; wouldn't have cooked

11 hadn't spent; would have had

4 would have won; had played

12 wouldn't have caught; had taken

5 hadn't cut; would have finished

13 would have won; had run

6 hadn't invented; would have done

14 would have got; had booked

7 hadn't spent; wouldn't have been

15 would have been; had asked

8 wouldn't have got; had remembered

16 had been; would have been

**2** 1 If he hadn't worked so hard, he wouldn't have passed his exams.

If he hadn't passed his exams, he wouldn't have gone to university.

If he hadn't gone to university, he wouldn't have studied languages.

If he hadn't studied languages, he wouldn't have learnt Chinese.

If he hadn't learnt Chinese, he wouldn't have gone to China.

If he hadn't gone to China, he wouldn't have gone climbing in Tibet.

If he hadn't gone climbing in Tibet, he wouldn't have tried to climb Everest.

If he hadn't tried to climb Everest, he wouldn't have disappeared ...

## 2 If he hadn't bought a bicycle, he wouldn't have gone for a ride in the country.

If he hadn't gone for a ride in the country, he wouldn't have fallen off.

If he hadn't fallen off, he wouldn't have woken up in hospital.

If he hadn't woken up in hospital, he wouldn't have met a beautiful nurse.

If he hadn't met the beautiful nurse, he wouldn't have written a bestselling novel about her.

If he hadn't written the bestselling novel, he wouldn't have got rich.

If he hadn't got rich, he wouldn't have married the nurse and had three charming children.

If he hadn't married the nurse and had the three children, he wouldn't have lived happily ever after.

- 3 If Mary's mother hadn't gone out that evening, Mary wouldn't have cooked for herself.  
 If she hadn't cooked for herself, she wouldn't have got interested in cooking.  
 If she hadn't got interested in cooking, she wouldn't have opened a very successful restaurant.  
 If she hadn't opened the restaurant, she wouldn't have had the Prime Minister as a customer.  
 If she hadn't had the PM as a customer, he wouldn't have ordered mussels.  
 If he hadn't ordered mussels, the mussels wouldn't have poisoned him.  
 If the mussels hadn't poisoned him, he wouldn't have died.  
 If he hadn't died, Mary wouldn't have gone to prison for life.

**204**

- 1 He'll get thrown out of school unless he starts working.  
 I always watch TV in the evenings unless I go out.  
 Let's have dinner out – unless you're too tired.  
 I'll see you at ten unless I phone to say I can't come.  
 I'll tell you a good joke – unless you've heard it before.  
 Things will go on getting worse unless there's a change of government.  
 We're going to have a picnic unless it rains.  
 You can have the last sausage unless the children want it.  
 You can't open the door unless you know the code.
- 2 3 You can have the car tonight unless Harnet needs it.  
 5 I'm going to dig the garden this afternoon unless it rains.

**205**

- 1 She's packing a German phrase book in case the hotel staff don't speak English.  
 She's packing a pack of cards in case she meets people who play bridge.  
 She's packing a racket in case there is a tennis court.  
 She's packing a thick sweater in case the weather is cold.  
 She's packing a swimsuit in case the hotel has a heated pool.  
 She's packing aspirins in case the sun gives her a headache.  
 She's packing binoculars in case she wants to go bird-watching.  
 She's packing her address book in case she decides to send postcards.  
 She's packing some books in case she has time to read.  
 She's packing walking boots in case she wants to go walking.

- 1 in case 2 if 3 if 4 in case 5 in case 6 if 7 if 8 in case

**206-207**

- 1 'It's time to clean the car.' 'I'd rather not clean it today.'  
 'It's time to cook supper.' 'I'd rather have something cold.'  
 'It's time to get a new fridge.' 'I'd rather go on using the old one ...'  
 'It's time to get your hair cut.' 'I'd rather keep it long.'  
 'It's time to go home.' 'I'd rather stay here for a bit longer.'  
 'It's time to invite the Harrises.' 'I'd rather invite the Johnsons.'  
 'It's time to plan our trip to Scotland.' 'I'd rather go to Wales.'  
 'It's time to see the dentist.' 'I'd rather see her next year.'  
 'It's time to start work on the garden.' 'I'd rather start next week.'
- 2 2 It's time she got her hair cut. 7 It's time he grew up.  
 3 It's time we had a holiday. 8 It's time we painted the kitchen.  
 4 It's time you cut the grass. 9 It's time he got/bought a new car.  
 5 It's time you washed that sweater. 10 It's time that team won a match.  
 6 It's time you stopped smoking.
- 3 2 No, I'd rather we talked tomorrow. 7 I'd rather you asked him.  
 3 I'd rather you came at ten. 8 I'd rather he stayed in.  
 4 I'd rather you didn't. 9 I'd rather they brought their own.  
 5 I'd rather she worked with Maggie. 10 I'd rather they did something about the homeless.  
 6 I'd rather you cooked tonight.



- 2 I wish I spoke Russian.  
 3 I wish I had a car.  
 4 I wish I was/were hard working.  
 5 I wish I was/were good at sport.  
 6 I wish I liked dancing.
- 2 2 I wish it would snow.  
 3 I wish the phone wouldn't keep ringing.  
 4 I wish the baby would stop crying.  
 5 I wish the kettle would boil.
- 4 I wish I'd chosen a different career.  
 I wish I'd done more travelling when I had the chance.  
 I wish I'd gone to a better school.  
 I wish I'd gone to bed earlier last night.  
 I wish I hadn't got married when I was eighteen.
- 7 I wish it didn't rain all the time.  
 8 I wish she didn't work on Sundays.  
 9 I wish I could eat eggs.  
 10 I wish the radio worked.
- 6 I wish the traffic lights would go green.  
 7 I wish your mother would write.  
 8 I wish Pat would find a job.  
 9 I wish the exam results would come.  
 10 I wish spring would come.
- I wish I hadn't told him the truth.  
 I wish I'd saved money when I was earning a good salary.  
 I wish I'd studied harder at university.  
 I wish I'd taken better care of my teeth.

## 270-271

- 1 (Examples of possible answers)  
 Do you know a shop which sells good coffee?  
 I know somebody who could mend that chair.  
 I want some plates which can go in the microwave.  
 I was at school with the man who is driving that taxi.  
 I'd like to speak to the person who deals with exports.  
 She's got friendly with a boy who lives next door.  
 The police haven't found the man who stole my car.  
 There's some cheese in the fridge which needs to be eaten.  
 We've got some light bulbs which last for years.  
 This is the switch which isn't working.
- 3 1 The people who live in Greece speak Greek.  
 2 The language that people speak in Hungary is called Hungarian.  
 3 The language that people speak in China is called Chinese.  
 4 The people who live in Italy speak Italian.  
 5 The people who live in Turkey speak Turkish.  
 6 The language that people speak in Algeria is called Arabic.  
 7 The language that (some) people speak in Scotland is called Scots Gaelic.  
 8 The people who live in Holland speak Dutch.  
 9 The language that (some) people speak in Ireland is called Irish.  
 10 The people who live in Portugal speak Portuguese.  
 11 The language that (some) people speak in Wales is called Welsh.  
 12 The language that people speak in Japan is called Japanese.
- 5 All the poetry that he wrote was destroyed in a fire.  
 At school I learnt nothing that was useful to me.  
 I've told you everything that happened.  
 Nothing that she said made any difference.  
 It's the best western film that was ever made.  
 The most useful thing that you can do is leave now.  
 This is the only hire car that I could get.  
 You can have everything that you want.

## 272-273

- 1 **DIY** The relative pronoun can be left out in sentences 1, 2 and 6.  
 Rule 4 is correct.
- 2 1 S 2 O 3 S 4 O 5 O 6 S 7 O 8 S 9 O 10 O

- 3
  - 2 Our doctor is a person I really respect.
  - 4 I've lost that nice ring Bill gave me.
  - 5 It's a book everybody talks about and nobody reads.
  - 7 That's the man I wanted to see.
  - 9 He keeps telling you things you already know.
  - 10 They never thanked me for the money I sent them.
- 4
  - 1 Here's the paper you asked me to get you.
  - 2 We went to see the film you recommended, but we didn't think much of it.
  - 3 The car my sister bought last month has broken down four times already.
  - 4 The actor you didn't recognise on television last night was Kiefer Sutherland.
  - 5 Only a very few of the friends Jane had at school went on to university.
  - 6 The operation my father had for his heart problem was only a partial success.
  - 7 The essay Mark wrote while we were on holiday has won a prize in the school competition.
  - 8 Some of the friends my daughter brings home look as though they never wash.

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- 1 Did you read about what happened to poor Harry?  
He just teaches you what you already know.  
What I want to know is where's my car gone?  
The dog can have what I don't eat.  
The holiday wasn't at all what I expected.  
They hadn't got what she asked for.  
You misunderstood – that isn't what I meant.  
What you said made me very happy.

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(Examples of possible answers)

- 2
  - 2 A good parent is one whose children are happy.
  - 3 A good gardener is one whose plants are healthy.
  - 4 A good doctor is one whose patients get better.
  - 5 A good writer is one whose books are successful.
  - 6 A good teacher is one whose students learn things.
  - 7 A good tourist guide is one whose tourists see interesting places.
  - 8 A good cook is one whose food tastes nice.
- 2
  - 1 Anton, whose brother Fritz helps him run the sports shop, lives with Marika, whose sister Anneliese also helps out in the sports shop.
  - 2 Anneliese has a younger brother Max, whose wife Paula works in the restaurant run by Anton's other brother Toni, whose girlfriend Heidrun is an instructor at the ski school.
  - 3 The person in charge of the ski school at the moment is Klaus, whose wife Monika works part-time for the baker down the road, Karsten, whose daughter Liesl runs the pizzeria.
  - 4 Monika also helps in the bar, the 'Happy Skier', which is run by Erwin, whose uncle Erich runs a hotel, in partnership with Klaus's brother Paul, whose wife Christiane was national ice-dancing champion in her younger days.

276–277

- 1 **DIY** The ones in the 'a' sentences.
- 2 **DIY**
  - 1 The 'b' sentences.
  - 2 To show that they are not an essential part of the sentences – they can be separated.
  - 3 Identifying clauses (the ones in the 'a' sentences).
  - 4 Identifying clauses.
  - 5 In a formal style.

- 3 1 No change possible.  
 2 People that don't answer letters annoy me.  
 3 What happened to the oranges I bought yesterday?  
 4 No change possible.  
 5 No change possible.  
 6 No change possible.
- 4 1 which 2 what 3 what 4 which 5 what 6 which 7 which 8 what  
 9 which 10 which

**278**

- 1 1 Who's that good-looking man talking to Alison?  
 2 Luggage left unattended will be taken away by police.  
 3 Left-handed children forced to write with their right hands often develop psychological problems.  
 4 The nurse looking after my aunt is very kind to her.  
 5 All the rubbish floating in the sea is a real danger to health.  
 6 Ham made in the traditional way costs more, but tastes better.  
 7 Women tourists wearing trousers are not allowed in the temple.  
 8 James thought that the man with his girlfriend was her brother.  
 9 The man bitten by my neighbour's dog was her husband's boss.
- 2 1 I keep having a dream in which there's a woman standing with her back to me.  
 2 James said he heard a shot fired in the street.  
 3 Are those your trousers hanging over the balcony?  
 4 They live in a beautiful old house built 300 years ago.  
 5 The Navajo are famous for beautiful jewellery made of silver and turquoise.  
 6 Passengers standing on Platform 2 are asked to keep behind the yellow line.  
 7 Pauline has a very strange old painting of a woman holding a small dog.

**279**

- 1 1 which 2 what 3 that 4 what 5 that 6 which 7 which 8 that  
 9 what 10 that
- 2 1 who 2 – 3 that 4 that (*informal*) or who 5 which 6 – 7 who 8 –  
 9 that 10 which
- 3 'I'll discuss it with you,' she said, in a voice that could have been used ...  
 A politician is a statesman who approaches every question ...  
 Any man who hates dogs and babies can't be all bad.  
 Anyone who has been to an English public school will feel ...  
 Consultants are people who borrow your watch ...  
 No man can lose what he never had.  
 Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

**280-281**

- 1 **DIY** 2
- 2 1 The earrings which/that he gave her for Christmas ...  
 2 The fax which/that he got that morning ...  
 3 The sofa which/that we bought last year ...  
 4 The people whom/that he had hoped to introduce Lee to ...  
 5 The flat which/that the terrorists hid the guns in ...  
 6 The song which/that she could not remember the name of ...
- 3 1 The rosebush.  
 2 The tall men are the nephews; Duncan and Jack are the uncles.  
 3 The man my mother was working for.  
 4 No.  
 5 (People from) the newspaper.  
 6 Police.

- 4 1 A man I met 2 The dress 3 The little flat 4 A very ordinary-looking woman ... 5 Some Polish people ...

282-283

- 1 1 Whoever 2 whatever 3 whatever/whichever 4 wherever 5 whenever  
6 However 7 whoever 8 However, Whenever 9 whoever 10 Whenever
- 2 1 Send it to whoever pays the bills.  
2 Whatever is in that box is making ...  
3 People always want more, however rich they are.  
4 However you travel, it'll take ...  
5 Whatever you say, I don't think ...  
6 Whichever room you use, make sure ...  
7 Whatever problems you have, you can always come ...  
8 Whoever phoned just now was very polite.  
9 Whenever I see you I feel nervous.  
10 Whatever you do, I'll love you.
- 3 1 No matter what 2 No matter where 3 No matter how 4 No matter what  
5 No matter when 6 No matter how
- 4 Whether he's lying or telling the truth, it's a wonderful story.  
Whether we tell her now or later, she's not going to be pleased.  
Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll learn something ...  
Whether you ski downhill or cross-country, the equipment costs a lot.  
Whether you like her or dislike her, you have to admire her.

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- 1 1 2 at 3 4 at 5 on 6 into 7 on 8 of 9 10 into 11 in  
12 - 13 of 14 in 15 in 16 to 17 - 18 for 19 after 20 to 21 -  
22 to 23 for 24 of 25 for 26 of 27 for 28 in 29 into 30 of  
31 by 32 In 33 in 34 in 35 in 36 on

## 2 DIV

### Rule

at + clock time

in + part of a day

on + part of a particular day

on + particular day

at + weekend, public holiday

in + longer period

- 3 4 on
- 4 1 at 2 on 3 in 4 in 5 on 6 in 7 - 8 - (or at) 9 at 10 - 11 -  
12 on

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- 1 **DIY** *At* and *in* are used for **position**.  
*To* is used for **movement**.
- 2 laugh: look: point: shoot: smile: wave  
*Shouting at* and *throwing at* are aggressive.
- 3 1 in 2 to 3 at 4 at/in 5 to 6 to 7 at 8 to 9 at 10 to 11 at  
12 to 13 to 14 in

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- 1 **DIY** *By* is used: 3 to say that **something will happen at or before** a certain moment.  
*Until* is used: 1 to say that **a situation will continue up to** a certain moment.
- 2 1 until 2 by 3 by 4 until 5 by 6 by 7 Until 8 by 9 by 10 until

**287** 1 (*for* and *during*) **DIY** *For* tells you **how long**. *During* tells you **when**.

2 1 during 2 for; during 3 during 4 for 5 during 6 for

1 (*opposite* and *in front of*) **DIY** The **bus stop** is **opposite** the house; the **car** is **in front of** the house.

2 1 opposite 2 In front of 3 in front of 4 opposite 5 in front of 6 opposite

**288** 1 **DIY** We say **among** a group, crowd or mass of things that are not seen separately. We say **between** two or more clearly separate people or things. We say **between** things on two sides.

2 1 between 2 between 3 between 4 among

3 1 between 2 among 3 between 4 among 5 among 6 between 7 among 8 between 9 between 10 among

**289** 1 1 'What are you thinking about?' 6 'What did she hit him with?'  
2 'Who did you buy it from?' 7 'Who does your father work for?'  
3 'Who did she send it to?' 8 'Who did you make it for?'  
4 'What will you carry it in?' 9 'What's the book about?'  
5 'What can I eat it with?' 10 'Who were you talking to?'

2 (*Examples of possible answers*)

1 'What are you waiting for?'  
2 'What are you worried about?'  
3 'What were you talking about?'  
4 'Who were you speaking to?'  
5 'Who do you work for?'

6 'What are you looking at?'  
7 'What are you looking for?'  
8 'What are you interested in?'  
9 'Who are you writing to?'  
10 'What are you thinking about?'

3 (*Examples of possible answers*)

What is she waiting for?  
What were you listening to?  
Who do you usually play tennis with?  
What country do you come from?  
Who is that letter from?  
Who did you get it from?

Who did you have lunch with?  
Who did you buy that car from?  
Who is Anne in love with?  
What did you change your job for?  
What are you studying English for?

**290–291** 1 A cup is something that you drink out of.  
A picture is something that you can look at.  
A tap is something that water comes out of.  
A toy is something that a child plays with.  
A vase is something that you put flowers in.  
A window is something that you can look through.

2 1 things that you bite with (B) 6 a thing that you hang clothes on (D)  
2 something that you sleep in (C) 7 liquid that you wash dishes with (H)  
3 something that you put things on (E) 8 something that you can start a fire  
4 something that you put valuables in (G) with (A)  
5 a thing that you clean your teeth with (F)

4 3 somebody (that) I have great respect for 5 the problem (that) I was worried about  
4 the girl (that) I was writing to 6 a car (that) I paid too much for

5 John is the man (that) Bill plays chess with / Sally is married to.  
Anne is the woman (that) Ron plays chess with / Peter is married to / Bill works with.  
Alice is the woman (that) Peter plays chess with / Bill is married to / Sally works with.  
Mary is the woman (that) Sally plays chess with / Ron works with.  
Sue is the woman (that) Ron is married to / Peter works with.



Bill is the man (that) John plays chess with / Alice is married to / Anne works with.  
 Ron is the man (that) Anne plays chess with / Sue is married to / Mary works with.  
 Peter is the man (that) Alice plays chess with / Anne is married to / Sue works with.  
 Sally is the woman (that) Mary plays chess with / John is married to / Alice works with.

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- 1 1 operated on 2 talked/spoken about 3 spoken/talked to 4 slept in  
 5 sat on/in 6 paid for 7 heard of/from 8 played with or spoken/talked to  
 9 looked at or spoken/talked to

2 (*Examples of possible answers*)

Who was America/Australia/penicillin/electricity discovered by?  
 Who was the novel *Anna Karenina* / *Hamlet* / *Happy Birthday to You* written by?  
 Who was radio/television invented by?  
 Who was the film *The Birds* directed by?  
 Who was the Eiffel Tower / the Taj Mahal built by?  
 Who was the Mona Lisa painted by?

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- 1 1 She's nice to talk to. 6 The river was difficult to swim across.  
 2 He's difficult to live with. 7 Her village is hard to get to.  
 3 My brother's impossible to argue with. 8 He's very easy to get on with.  
 4 Those old trains aren't very pleasant to travel in. 9 Water colours are difficult to paint with.  
 5 Ice isn't easy to drive on. 10 She's interesting to work with.

2 (*Examples of possible answers*)

A broken cup is hard to drink out of.  
 A broken fork is difficult to eat with.  
 A cushion is comfortable to sit on.  
 A small hard chair is uncomfortable to sit on.  
 A warm bath is nice to lie in.  
 Baby animals are nice to play with.  
 Classical music is interesting to listen to.  
 Family problems can be difficult to talk about.  
 Lectures are often hard to listen to.  
 People who travel a lot can be interesting to talk to.

3 (*Examples of possible answers*)

A very small spoon is hard to eat with.  
 Shoes that are too small are uncomfortable to walk in.  
 A hard bed is uncomfortable to lie on.  
 A noisy hotel room is difficult to sleep in.  
 A broken pencil is hard to write with.

294-296

- 1 1 a hundred 2 one thousand, four hundred and fifty pounds 3 a thousand  
 4 three thousand, one hundred and forty-four 5 one dollar (and) eighty-five (cents)  
 6 one thousand pounds
- 2 1 hundred 2 million 3 hundred 4 millions of 5 Thousands of 6 dozen
- 3 second; third; fourth; fifth; sixth; seventh; eighth; ninth; tenth; twelfth; sixteenth;  
 twentieth; twenty-first; thirtieth; hundredth; thousandth
- 4 1 10 April 1996  
 2 17 September 1911  
 3 16 June 1979  
 4 the sixteenth of May / May the sixteenth, nineteen seventy  
 5 the twelfth of March / March the twelfth, nineteen ninety-three  
 6 the fourteenth of January / January the fourteenth, nineteen eighty-six

## 298-302

- 1 I'm tired.  
 2 She's French.  
 3 She's forgotten.  
 4 They've finished.  
 5 I thought you'd left.  
 6 We'll tell you tomorrow.  
 7 I wish he'd stop.  
 8 How's your mother?  
 9 Nobody's perfect.
- 10 My car's broken down  
 11 You needn't worry.  
 12 I can't swim.  
 13 The door won't close.  
 14 It doesn't matter.  
 15 I haven't forgotten.  
 16 I'm not sorry.  
 17 Why aren't you in bed?  
 18 Don't you like this?
- 2 1 ... where she's staying.  
 4 ... No. I haven't.  
 5 It isn't true. / It's not true.

**Contraction not possible in 2, 3, 6 and 7.**

- 3 1 there's 2 you've 3 he's 4 can't 5 he'd 6 I'll 7 that's 8 we've

## 298-302

- 1 **nouns:** uncountable soup, petrol, wood; **singular countable** suggestion, suit, book, brother, problem; **plural countable** potatoes, buildings, people, rules  
**adjectives:** ordinary small, cold, stupid, high, new, dry; **comparative** more interesting, older, younger; **superlative** best, cheapest, worst  
**determiners:** **articles** a, the; **possessives** my, his, our; **demonstratives** this, those, these; **quantifiers** (a) few, some, many, no
- 2 **other personal pronouns:** me, he, him, her, we, they, them  
**other possessive pronouns:** his, hers, ours, theirs  
**other reflexive pronouns:** yourself, himself, herself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves
- 3 lost, rains, open, tastes, won, got
- 4 1 future simple (*aux.* will)  
 2 present progressive (*aux.* is)  
 3 past perfect (*aux.* had)  
 4 simple present  
 5 simple past
- 6 future progressive (*aux.* will be)  
 7 past progressive (*aux.* was)  
 8 future perfect (*aux.* will have)  
 9 present perfect (*aux.* has)  
 10 simple past (*aux.* did)
- 5 **conditional** would ... stop **-ing form** smoking **infinitive** stop  
**perfect infinitive** have started **past participle** ordered, started  
**imperative** shut (up), leave **active verb** smoke, would ... stop, could, talk, say, shut (up), leave, don't ... think, 'll stop, suppose; should ... have started  
**passive verb** 'm ordered
- 6 **prepositions:** at, with, by, for, in  
**adverbs:** usually, yesterday, suddenly, terribly, loud  
*Out* is an adverb particle.
- 7 1 **subject** Jake **direct object** songs  
 2 **subject** I **direct object** my address **indirect object** Monica  
 3 **subject** you **direct object** the time **indirect object** me  
 4 **subject** you **direct object** what sort of books  
 5 **subject** you **direct object** a postcard, time **indirect object** me
- 8 1 pretty 2 tired 3 a student 4 sorry
- 9 **conjunctions:** 1 while 2 if 3 where 4 when 5 before 6 although  
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